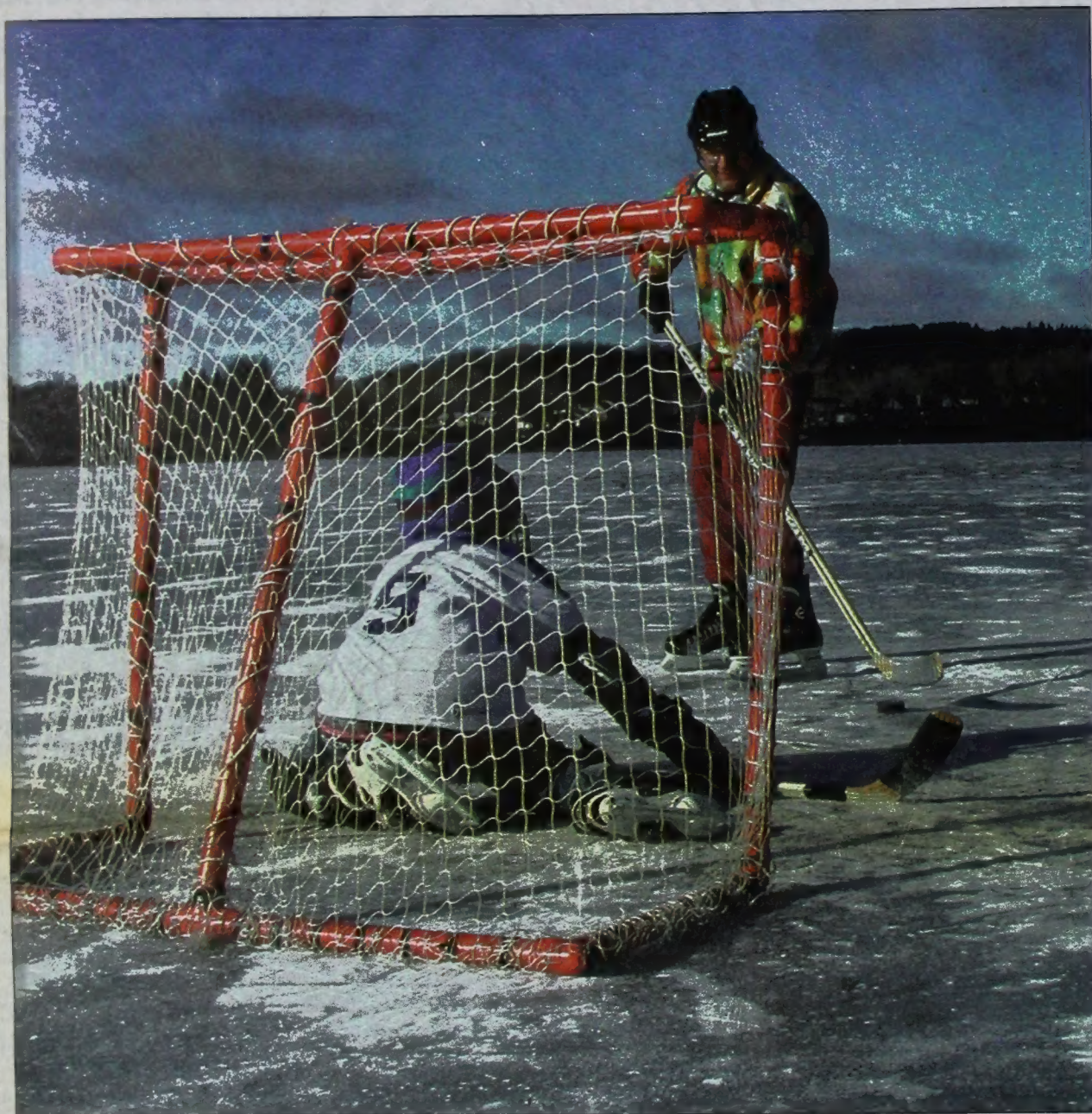


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Hockey on Head Lake

A cold snap that wasn't accompanied by snow created ideal skating conditions on area lakes over the weekend - as long as you didn't stray far from shore. On Saturday morning, young Timothy Thurely convinced his dad Thomas to lace up his skates so Timothy could practise the skills that would earn him a shutout for his Haliburton house league team. Everyone, and especially snowmobilers, are reminded that ice conditions are not yet stable and to be extremely cautious.

Alliance sees setback only as a delay

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

As the final votes were counted in last Monday's Federal election it slowly became obvious that the Liberals once again had won Haliburton-Victoria-Brock by a slim margin. Like the 1997 election the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservatives split the vote allowing John O'Reilly to sneak up the middle and return to Ottawa.

Despite the loss, Alliance riding president Mark Wood is not disheartened.

"Obviously we're disappointed not having won here.

I think we could have easily won had we united the right so to speak. But overall the popularity of the party has gone up nationally and we've got two seats in Ontario so that's the upside. Overall we did do some things right."

Alliance candidate Pat Dunn says he was not shocked by the Liberal victory in the riding.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm not surprised. Once I saw that the Conservatives were splitting the vote I knew it would end up like it did last time."

Wood says Alliance leader Stockwell Day was being

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High school teachers get first pay raise in several years

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board and its secondary school teachers, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), have reached a new contract that provides an average 4.8 per cent salary increase.

Both parties officially ratified the agreement that covers approximately 450 secondary school teachers in Haliburton and Victoria Counties and the District of Muskoka on November 28.

"I would say that teachers are pleased with the agreement," said Marilyn Thayer, vice-president of the OSSTF bargaining unit. "It is our first salary increase since the early '90s for Victoria and certainly Haliburton teachers have been frozen since amalgamation so this for them is the first increase that they've seen in a long time. So I certainly think it's a well-deserved increase."

Director of Education Evelyn Brown said the school board was also happy with the agreement.

"We are probably among the first 12 boards in the province to settle and settle without a lot of rancor or upset in our system," she said. "I'm really pleased that we've been able to reach this agreement in a relatively timely fashion."

The agreement is retroactive to September 1, 2000 and extends to August 31, 2001.

Salary increases for the teachers will vary from 1.95 per cent to around 5.3 per cent with an overall average of 4.8 per cent. It brings the highest teacher salary to \$68,102 retroactive to September 1, 2000 and to \$68,579 by February 1, 2001 from a previous rate of \$64,745. About 40 per cent of current Trillium Lakelands secondary teachers will receive this maximum salary.

There will also be an increase in the annual allowance paid to department heads, coordinators, consultants and administrative heads, a small increase in benefits, and money to offset the costs of professional development training to deal with changes to the curriculum.

"I think teachers are generally satisfied with the agreement. However I will emphasize that more than one teacher has said to me 'I'd trade that in if you could get me my old working conditions', because they are really feeling the pressures of teaching more students and an extra class and so they really feel that added burden," said Thayer, referring to Bill 74 (the provincial government's Education Accountability Act) which has added an average 10 per cent of classroom time per teacher.

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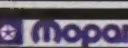
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Messiah Choir's Christmas tradition continues

EVER SINCE THE MESSIAH CHOIR performed Handel's Messiah several years ago, its annual Christmas concert has been a much anticipated and enjoyed event in the Highlands. This year's performance is no exception. *Simply Christmas* on December 8 and 9 at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton offers some perennial popular favourites as well as samplings of some of the seasonal classics. The seating is reserved so it's best to buy tickets in advance at either Nancy's Flowers in Haliburton or Minden IDA or the Cornerstore on Hwy 35 at 121. Tickets are \$12.

Keep an eye out for local high school students Ryan Sisson and Adam Bathe on CBC Television's Counterspin. The teens were in Toronto on Monday to be interviewed by host Avi Lewis about their upcoming expedition to the Antarctic. We're not sure when the interview will air; the program itself is after the National news.

Last weekend the Sir Sandford Fleming College drawing and painting students held an exhibit at Nature Walk, a new gallery below Country Pickin's in Haliburton. This weekend it's the turn of the artist blacksmith students at the same location from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The students have been working really hard and their work is proof of their success.

Looking for something fun and inexpensive to do on the March Break? Family Services is sponsoring a return visit of Janice Pomer and Barry Prophet who will work with young people 10 and older to teach them basic percussion/drumming techniques and modern dance techniques from March 12 to 16. The class will also create original music and dance pieces. There's even a session for adults. The cost is only \$10 for a week of half day sessions of either music or movement or \$20 for a week of full day of music and movement. If interested in joining these critically acclaimed educators, the deadline for registration is December 15. For details or to sign up, call Daniela Pagliaro at 457-5345.

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club presents a Special Christmas Evening at the Dysart arena on Thursday, Dec. 14. It starts with a sing-along at five while everyone enjoys food, refreshments and games for the whole family. At 5:30 there will be a special presentation by the senior skaters, Christmas on Ice. Then, everyone is invited to join in an hour of family skating. Admission is by donation or by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to the Christmas food drive.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

If you can't wait that long to have some fun, don't forget that Family Services offers a climbing club at Camp Medeba in West Guilford every Tuesday night. From 6:30 to 8, families can climb the indoor wall together and youth can climb from 6:30 to 9:30. Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult; all youths younger than 18 require parental permission. The cost is \$3 per person. Call Greg Shantz at 457-5345 for details.

As the mother of a Husky hockey player, Carol Stamp spent a lot of time at the Dysart arena, but now that her son Mark is playing college hockey in Erie, Pennsylvania, she hasn't had many opportunities to cheer him on. Next weekend, however, as a special treat, she and her daughter Susan are flying to New York so they can watch Mark's Mercyhurst College team take on the West Point Military Academy's hockey team. The Friday and Saturday night games are at the military college, about 50 miles north of New York. Carol Stamp is thrilled about being able to once again watch her son play hockey – and spending her daughter's birthday in such a special way.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs has issued an ice caution advisory to warn snowmobiler and anglers that no ice should be considered safe at this time of year. Despite cold weather, wide fluctuations in air and water temperature during freeze up result in unpredictable structural weakness and variations in ice thickness. There is no reliable way to verify ice safety during freeze up, so to avoid serious injury or death, please stay off the ice.

In the month of December, a game of squash at the Dorset Community Centre is only a loonie. Book your time by calling 766-9968; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Community Health Services Foundation continues to do good work for the region. Having raised enough money for the region's first heart catheter clinic at the Peterborough Regional Hospital, the volunteer charity has now donated \$37,000 to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay to purchase a specialized Intensive Care Unit bed and transport monitor. The bed has a pressure release mattress that constantly adjusts to the contours of the patient's body, helping to relieve the pressure that occurs from being in one position for an extended period of time. In the meantime, more than 500 cardiac patients have benefited from the new heart lab since it opened in June. The majority of inpatients are seen within 24 hours of the doctor's request.

Balsam Lake resident Norma Downes credits line-dancing with helping her win her fight against cancer because it kept her mind and body active. Now, the line-dancing instructor has been part of the inspiration for a new line-dancing song by Rick Tippe, who sang *Keepin' the Faith* at the Peterborough Festival of Lights. There's a single of the CD available and \$3.25 from the sale of each \$6 CD will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. (\$2 from the sale of his full-length CD "The Best of Rick Tippe", which includes the song will also be donated to the cause. For more information, visit www.ricktippe.com/index. You can order the CD, which is perfect for line-dancing groups, by calling 1-888-88-GET HOT. Find out more about Mrs. Downes' story at www.cancerguide.org/ndownes_story.

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Updated assessments see some properties' value go up 25%

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Two years after market value assessment was introduced across the province, Highlands property owners are once again feeling its impact.

Property owners have recently received their new assessment notices, with property values updated to 1999 figures.

Some property owners, especially those with lakefront, have been surprised by how much their properties' value increased from the previous 1996 level.

The figure listed on their assessment notice is supposed to be an accurate prediction of what price they would have been able to get had they sold their property on June 30, 1999. The price is based on the selling price of similar properties in their municipality and any upgrades they may have done since the previous assessment.

Increases of 15 to 25 percent have prompted some landowners to call their municipal office. They're worried that their property taxes will go up by the same amount.

That won't necessarily be the case. Taxes are based on the assessment value multiplied by a tax rate set by the municipality. If the municipality lowers the tax rate, that would offset – perhaps only partially – the assessment increase.

But, cautions Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, that modest tax increase is based on two assumptions: one, that the municipality's costs didn't go up, and two, that all other properties either stayed the same or went up.

Councils have some control over the first scenario, but if some property values go down – which they have in some cases – then the shortfall will have to

be made up elsewhere, and that elsewhere is on the tax bills of people whose values remained the same or went up.

As well, the province sets the tax rate for the education portion of property taxes so municipalities will have no control over whether it goes up or down or stays the same.

As much as people worry if their assessment goes up, it's not always welcome news to find out your property's assessment has gone down, especially if you might be entering the real estate market. One downtown Haliburton property owner saw his assessment go down \$6,000. That means that if he sells, he could expect \$6,000 less than if he had sold a couple of years before.

"It's a little upsetting," he told *The Echo*.

Dale Lingard, the commissioner for this region's assessment office, says he does not yet have statistics on trends in municipalities in the Highlands. However, at a glance, he says "the rural properties would not have increased as much, as waterfront."

He says most of the calls to the assessment office have been from waterfront owners who want to know why the value has increased, sometimes dramatically.

He says the system used to calculate values is "fair and equitable" and takes into account actual sales of properties of similar values.

Some municipalities have received few calls about the re-assessment because the changes do not appear to be extreme. Municipal staff cannot make predictions of any tax increases because budgets will not be set until next spring.

People have until March 31, 2001 to appeal their assessment.



BOB LEFROY/Echo

To the rescue

Sir Sam's Ski Area staff and members of the Ski Patrol practised rescuing people from the ski lift on Saturday – just in case the power ever fails. After weeks of creating a solid base of snow, the hills in Eagle Lake are set to open this Saturday.

Light up your life!

Enter the Highlands Christmas At Night decoration contest

The only thing that's brighter than a child's face on Christmas morning are the decorations lighting up the Haliburton night sky every festive season.

This year, just for the glitzy fun of it, *The Echo* has organized the Highlands Christmas At Night decoration contest. It's designed for all those people who go bananas with Christmas lights, nativity scenes and cut-out Santas, turning their normally staid front lawns into veritable Christmas

pageant productions.

No matter whether your taste is Martha Stewart or Grinch, tasteful and refined or more like an afternoon at the circus, you qualify to win one of three great prizes. First prize is \$100 gift certificate for Haliburton Home Hardware (maybe you want to buy more Christmas lights?); second prize is a beautiful seasonal flower display in a cement urn from Country Rose and Garden Centre in Haliburton; and third prize is a

year's subscription to *The Echo*.

All you have to do to enter is call *The Echo* office at 457-1037 and leave your name, address and phone number. If you live in a rural area, include detailed instructions on how to find your house. The deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. (Please note that all entries will have their names and addresses published in the *Echo* so that people can enjoy a tour of some of the best decorated homes in the Highlands during

the Christmas season – as well as seeing what the competition is up to!)

Then, on the night entries will be judged, simply ensure your lights are turned on from twilight until at least 11 p.m. to give judges ample time to get around to see all homes. The judging will be done Wednesday Dec. 13 as long as the weather is clear. If the weather is bad, it will be done Dec. 14 or Dec. 15 at the absolute latest. Hopefully

Mother Nature will cooperate and we'll have safe roads on the 13th (the last thing we want is for a car full of judges to be stranded in the middle of nowhere in the middle of a snowstorm – it tends to make them rather, um, Scrooge-like).

So that's it: decorate your house and call the *Echo* to enter. Winners will be published in the Dec. 19 edition of *The Echo*.

May the prettiest place win!



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

On Saturday at the Wigamog, MPP Chris Hodgson, his wife Marie and children Clayton, Cody, Charlotte and Caroline welcomed friends and constituents to their annual Christmas social.

Teachers get more say about work load

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"We are still unhappy with the fact that Bill 74 still exists and the implications that has on these Haliburton teachers and students. We are dismayed about that. However, obviously the agreement can't change that, so as far as what negotiations can deal with we are pleased."

While local negotiations have no jurisdiction to overrule Bill 74, included in the agreement are guidelines to deal with implementing new teacher workloads and responsibilities imposed by the bill. It spells out how much extra supervision individual teachers can undertake and gives them an opportunity to voice their concerns about which extra class they will teach.

"The teacher does not have the last word on that but we have arranged that teachers have the chance to at least voice their opinions about their preferences about that extra class that they're taking," said Thayer. "We aren't working towards eliminating it, that can't be done, that wasn't an area of negotiations at all. It's just now that we've got that in front of us how are we going to deal with it."

The newly ratified contract also specifies that extra-curricular activities are voluntary.

"They always have been voluntary so it's just a matter of stipulating that they will continue to be so," declared Thayer. "Teachers will individually make the decision as they adjust to the new workload and to whether they feel that they have the time to do that sort of thing."

Brown said she is optimistic teachers will be able to devote some time to get inter-school extra-curricular activities moving again.

"I think it will depend on the teachers involved with the extra curricular activities and whether or not they are carrying four out of four credits. If it's their part of the semester to be doing the four credits I think it will be a bit difficult to expect them to do that. However, I'm hoping that the teachers that are carrying

only three credits will now feel comfortable in moving forward to support their extra-curricular program."

Brown said negotiations for the contract, which began in the spring, were healthy.

"It went quite well. We had a 30-hour marathon at the end. I think everybody came away feeling that both sides had done their best."

"I would characterize them as slow-moving and amicable," responded Thayer. "Part of the reason why they were slow-moving is the legislation was changing as we were preparing to negotiate. The rules changed so in certain areas we had to start from scratch. It takes a long time to do these things and I think the effort was certainly there on both sides."

As the contract is only for one year and expires on August 31, 2001 negotiations between the two parties will begin again in the spring.

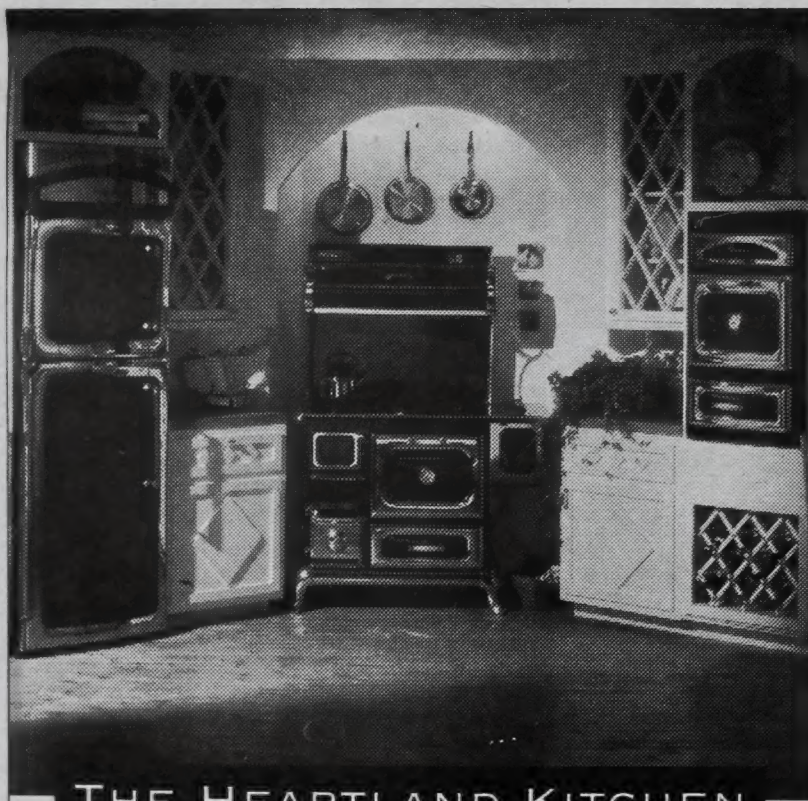
"We'll be putting a committee together that will probably be having its first meeting in January," said Thayer.

"From the board's perspective we would have preferred a longer agreement but I can understand the teachers being a little unsure as to what the funding will look like for the next year because we are funded on a year to year basis with the government," said Brown.

Thayer agreed signing a longer-term contract would have been less complicated but noted that it was just not possible.

"If you want to look at the bottom line while that would have been easier I guess that we feel that we are better equipped to deal with the year 2001-2002 the closer we get to it," she said. "The more we know about it the more we know how things especially under the new workload are working out and what things maybe need to be addressed in the collective agreement and so forth."

Brown said it might be possible to sign longer-term contracts in the future if the provincial funding was also done longer-term.



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Rails End Gallery asks where future should take it

Study looks at condition of building and governance

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As the year 2000 draws to a close, a study is being done to determine the future of the Rails End Gallery.

Not that the gallery's life is at stake, but its parent, the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, needs to make some important decisions about the gallery's aging home in the old train station in Haliburton and whether to keep the same governing system.

"The gallery's been through a lot of incarnations and there's no question it was time to take stock of where things were at," says Guild president Barry Hayward.

Last year at this time, the gallery's future was bleak. Hours were reduced, and the budget was still bleeding red. This year, an ambitious marketing program, achieved in part with a Trillium Foundation grant, and commercial success shows mean the gallery's on firmer financial footing. (Profits were also up from the gallery shop and summer sale.)

But that doesn't mean the

gallery doesn't need to be prepared for future funding problems.

"Money's not the only thing that drives the dream but there will be some reasonable limits of what this dream will be," Hayward says. "The gallery's had a long and colourful history, it's an institution. There has been and continues to be a lot of support for the gallery but what are the funding realities..."

"The Rails End Gallery will continue to exist and we have to figure out how to manage the thing."

One nagging reality is the "integrity" of the building, especially the foundation. Part of the study being done by Jim Blake will look not only at repairs which need to be done, but other ideas which could be incorporated at the same time, such as turning the building around so that it faces York Street and putting it a few meters back from the road. (A truck accidentally banging into the gallery hasn't helped the structural problems.)

"There are a number of things happening and this process could be a catalyst for a lot of

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Barry Hayward, president of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, says a study that's underway about the future of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton can lead to some exciting possibilities.

great things," Hayward says. "The park is a great space that's underutilized."

Since the municipality owns the building, it is part of the study's scope. Hayward says Dysart et al has been supportive all along and will continue to be supportive in the future.

The other facet of Blake's study will be who should manage the gallery. Although today the Guild and gallery are synonymous, that wasn't always the case, Hayward notes. "Over time, the gallery became a major preoccupation and demand of resources for the volunteer organization and it's hard to keep the momentum going..."

"Management of the gallery has become an all-consuming

thing and that's not why members wanted to belong to the Guild."

Should those volunteers be expected to run what is in essence a business? If not the Guild, then who? And why not the Guild?

No one is going into this with preconceived notions of the outcome, Hayward says.

Nor is the Guild ignoring the vital role the community as a whole plays in both the present and future of the gallery. There will be meetings in the new year to get input and ideas from the public.

"We're not doing this in isolation of the community," Hayward says.

Even if the Guild does not manage the gallery, the Guild

will continue to exist as it was first conceived - a collection of various arts groups coming together under one roof, though perhaps not the physical roof of the Rails End gallery.

Although getting to this point has not been without its tribulations and controversies, Hayward says this is an promising time for the Guild and gallery. "Watching this group come together and look for that common vision is exciting," he says. "There could be some great stuff happening; some good things will come of this..."

"Sometimes it takes turmoil to mobilize a community. This has been a call for people to come together and think of how important it is."



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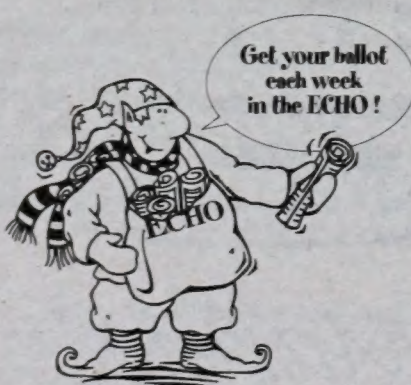
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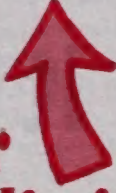
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Help Wanted:

Home care agencies feeling shortage of PSWs as long-term care units open up

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The new long-term care units are hiring them.

Home care agencies can't hire enough of them.

And yet Sir Sandford Fleming College couldn't get enough people interested in becoming a personal support worker to offer a course at the Haliburton campus.

Why all the mixed messages about the availability of personal support workers, or PSWs?

The main reason seems to be a disparity in wages offered at institutions such as the Haliburton Hospital's long-term care unit and home care agencies such as the Red Cross.

A PSW in an institution can earn between \$15 and \$16 an hour to perform such duties as transferring a resident from bed to chair, helping a resident into a washroom or feeding a resident dinner.

A PSW with a home care agency will likely earn between \$9.65 and \$11.20 an hour, work odd hours with little support and travel long distances to a client's home.

As a result, most PSWs are voting with their feet, opting to work at institutions rather than in people's homes. And while home care agencies are feeling the shortage now, some people

say institutions will soon be facing the same hiring squeeze.

Jill Stewart, manager of the Peterborough Red Cross home-makers services, which covers Haliburton County, says they lose as many PSWs to jobs at Tim Horton's as they do to institutions.

Tim Horton's (and other outlets, of course) might offer minimum wage, but the hours are set and the work is regular, attractive features when compared to the work schedule of a PSW.

With changes to home care service, a PSW may need to be at her client's home at seven in the morning, spend a few hours there and have to return at seven at night. That client may live alone on a seasonal road and there's no back-up for the PSW should she have questions or concerns.

"We're losing (PSWs)," Stewart says. "It's becoming very difficult to keep staff."

Agencies such as Red Cross submit tenders to Access Centres, which then sign contracts with the winning agencies. This puts a lot of pressure on agencies to offer the lowest cost, and that results in the lower wages.

She notes that as new long-term care facilities, such as the one in Haliburton, open up, the task of finding PSWs will get even worse. "The government

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



More and more personal support workers are opting for jobs in institutions such as the Haliburton Hospital's new long-term care unit rather than for home care agencies such as the Red Cross. Here, PSW Violet Boughner makes sure resident Estelle Baldry is comfortable after helping her into her chair at the new 30-bed unit.

needs to address the wage disparity issue. It's very frustrating from our side. We can't keep up with the number of terminations we get."

John Hassan, executive director of the Access Centre which covers Haliburton County, says it has not yet had any difficulty with the shortage of PSWs. But that might change, he says, as more of the new long-term care facilities open.

If colleges such as Sir Sandford are not getting enough interest to fill programs, "where will the PSWs (for the institution) come from?"

"... I'm quite concerned that when all the new long-term care beds open, the problem will occur."

He says another factor that

makes institutional work more attractive to PSWs is long-term stability. Home care agencies might not win the next bid to provide services for the access centre's clients, but "you know the homes for the aged will always be open."

Not surprisingly, Foster Loucks, the executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says he had no problem finding enough applicants for the PSW jobs at the Haliburton Hospital. Thirty-nine people applied and he notes that most of them were already employed, either at Hyland Crest or Extendicare or at home care agencies.

Of those 39, 12 were hired.

Given the demand for PSWs, Sue Little was very surprised

when a course proposed to begin this past autumn had to be cancelled because there wasn't enough interest. The Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College had seven people signed up, but needed 12 to make it a go.

She notes that as well as work at institutions and home care agencies, PSWs are sometimes hired privately to work in someone's home.

"If there's someone who feels they have an aptitude, I think there's work for them. I see it more and more," she says. "I think if you've got an enterprising spirit, there's an opportunity. There are lots of people who want to stay in their home and want to hire someone (to make it possible.)"

Funding is available to pay for many of the costs of college's PSW course

The course for a personal support worker is relatively short and there are subsidies available to pay for many of the costs.

The program runs for eight months. Roughly half the time is spent in the classroom at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College; the other half is at a placement at a local institu-

tion where they are partnered with another staff member. The total number of hours is 518.

Students are required to have Grade 10 education or the equivalent, and be at least 19 years of age. If you're younger than 19, you need Grade 12. Applicants must pass an entrance test.

Funding is available to pay for fees,

books and some of daycare costs.

In the future, all people who work for home care agencies will need at least PSW training. (PSW is the new term for what used to be a health care aide and home support worker level 1, 2 and 3.)

The local campus needs 12 registrants in order to run the program.

A college brochure says "the aim of

the PSW program is to prepare individuals to function under the supervision of the registered nursing staff and the direction of the physician and other members of the healthcare team by assisting residents/clients of varying ages to meet their physical, emotional, social, spiritual and mental needs."

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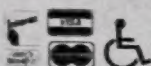
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At 90, just as she did at age 17, Doris McCarthy practises her belief that the start of each new day holds the

promise of creativity, accomplishment and things to learn. At 17 she was an art student travelling by train to this tiny village called Haliburton, buried deep in snow, so she could go outside and paint with her friend Ethel Curry. At 90, she fit in a visit to Haliburton in between a helicopter trip into the Selkirk Mountains and a trip to Tunisia in January. She'll be back in Toronto for the opening of yet another one-woman show before she goes on a painting trip to California and Arizona.

And in between the ages of 17 and 90, she's built her own house, travelled the world, spending much of her time defining the aesthetic beauties of the Arctic, taught art to all ages, forged deep and abiding friendships and learned to accept with grace the numerous awards and accolades which have been bestowed upon her. To give her body the ability to keep up with the pace set by her imaginative mind, she skates three times a week and lifts leg weights.

Most of the people who met her on Friday were aware of how lucky they were to have such an opportunity. It wasn't just the borrowed glow of being in the presence of someone who's acknowledged as one of Canada's foremost painters. It was being with the type of person whose strong personality acts like a mirror to the rest of us, making us wonder whether our reflection has such startling resonance. She reminds us that wherever we are, whatever our talents, that even if we are not going to become "one of the best" in our fields, we still have the responsibility to embrace all the gifts that simply being alive presents to us.

We might not be able to afford to travel the world, but we can explore our backyard more fully, putting on our coats for a winter walk instead of turning on the television for mental distraction. We can exercise our brain and body to help ensure that as we age, we age well. We can give ourselves time for pause and rest, in between times of finding activities that stimulate and educate.

Tall order? McCarthy seems to fill it effortlessly. She delighted the crowd at the hospital with her storytelling skills (not to mention her stories), her generosity of spirit and her desire to share her passion with young people so that they too know there are no limits to what they can achieve. These attributes did not come to her fully formed; they, like her talents as an artist, had to be developed over the years. But it was in dedicating herself to their development that she emerged as a woman to be respected, admired and emulated. The entire county should take pride in the fact that one of her original paintings now hangs at the Haliburton Hospital.

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Icy stream

by Len Pizze/Echo

An Outdoorsman's Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

As I have neither shouted, cried, or pouted in the last little while - except for one isolated incident involving a big buck that slipped by while I was answering nature's call - and as I understand you are coming to town once again, here is my Christmas list. Please feel free to upgrade as you see fit.

Before I begin, understand that I am quite an outdoorsman, despite what people say. This means I have little use for neon ties nor undergarments that depart from normal, practical use. Sure, the "It's a keeper!" boxer shorts of last year were cute, but they caused me nothing but trouble at hunt camp. In truth, they were the major reason why I was awake when I should have been sleeping and why I was bad when I should have been "good for goodness sake."

I'm sure you will agree that a man has to defend himself. In such situations, naughty or nice has little to do with it. I hope you will take this into consideration while you are checking that list of yours for the second time.

While we're on the subject, the Retriever Training Manual you left under last year's tree caused nothing but grief to a dumb animal. The dog didn't like it either. After several major bouts of depression that culminated in a severe facial tick, it's no wonder that she ate the book after I threw it far over the bank. Retrievers are gentle by nature, but there is a limit.

To be honest, I was overjoyed to be rid of those cursed pages. Of course, this temporary bliss was offset when she decided to return the book to the floor of my office, chapter by chapter, over the following week. Yes, I know she's a retriever, but this was not exactly what I had in mind. I mean, is this how you'd want your ducks retrieved?

By the way, electric socks, while nice, should only be manufactured by trained professionals. The fact that Great-aunt Edith read a do-it-yourself electrical book gives her no right to subject me to this sort of punishment.

Frankly, I was shocked that you'd let her sign your name on such a dangerous gift. Literally.

Next time leave that stuff to an elf that knows a little something about amperage. Sure, the smoke that emerged from my involuntarily dancing feet provided grateful Edith with, "a jolly Christmas chuckle."

However, now I've heard she's working on matching earmuffs, so I'll have to draw the line - rich, old spinster or not.

Come to think of it, you have not been all that kind to me over the last few Christmases. Perhaps, my offhand remarks about bowhunting for Rudolph were taken too seriously. You needn't worry. The archery season has ended in this area.

You know I've never seen a red-nosed buck aside from old Rudie. Is this genetic or is the consumption of too much Christmas cheer

to blame? I suspect the latter and am quite concerned. R.I. D. E. programmes take a dim view on this and the jolly old elf story won't help. They hear it regularly.

Get him help. By the way, do four-legged creatures go through a twenty-four step programme?. Just curious.

Look the more I think this through, the more I figure you ought to skip me all together. After all, I've got the great outdoors to play in year round.

Let's face it, your elves, as clever as they are, couldn't come up with anything better than that.

Then again, perhaps they could rewire a well knit pair of electric socks?

Sincerely,
Steve

the not so great



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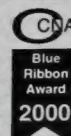
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Conjuring Christmas past

ANDREA STOOD IN HER SISTER'S living room, looking at the framed photo in her hand. She had just picked it up from the fireplace mantel, surprised to see it there. It was an old picture of she and her sister with a department store Santa. The photograph had been taken forty years ago, when Andrea was the brave older sister. Her sister, looking rumped and about to spring from her perch on the jolly old elf's knee, had one hand reaching toward Andrea, as though for reassurance. Looking at her own image, the level eyes gazing directly at the camera, while a somewhat tenuous smile played at the corners of her mouth, Andrea was amazed at how calm she looked. She remembered those yearly treks to see Santa as anything but.

Andrea was unprepared for the wave of memories that then washed over her. Suddenly, she was remembering as clearly as though it had all happened only weeks before, as all of her senses conjured up a special, magical time in her young life.

The weather had that raw, damp bite of Toronto in December. Their mother had dressed them in coats and matching leggings of a somewhat scratchy, stiff material, held up by elastic suspenders. Sitting in the car on the ride downtown, Andrea had become increasingly uncomfortable in the layers of clothing as her mother's perfume combined with cigarette smoke, wafted back from the driver's seat. When the cold air blasted into their faces in the parking lot, it came as a relief. Holding their mother's hand, one on each side, they had pushed their heads down against the wind and walked directly to the store. Their mission was to see Santa and have their picture taken.

The store's escalator seemed like disappearing stairs, leading to a world that shimmered enticingly as it came into view. Andrea remembered feeling the twin tugs of fear that the disappearing stairs would drag her with them and almost uncontrollable excitement at the sight of "toyland". The sounds seemed to encircle them as they gingerly stepped off the escalator. Whirling mechanical chugs, tooting train engines, musical boxes and gizmos of all kinds and exploding jack-in-the-boxes all competed with Gene Autrey singing "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" over and over again.

Popcorn popped into oily-looking paper bags that spilled effortlessly and constantly unto the littered floor. As Andrea and her sister took their place in Santa's lineup, their mother held their coats as well as her own, her arms already aching with the weight of woolen clothing in the days before synthetics. She could not hold their boots, which soon felt like weighty blocks that generated too much heat, the longer they waited their turn. In the air was the smell of damp cloth, melting dirt, sour milk and cosmetics. But there was more, for above the press of too many people packed into an inadequately ventilated space, there was the faint aroma of painted wood and starched clothes, of freshly packaged goods, cellophane and the metallic whiff of tinsel.

Andrea remembering being aware of inhabiting two distinctly different places. There was the hot and crowded world around her, where she had to guard her place in case someone tried to jump the line. And there was the world where Santa Claus and his elves existed, where the toys she saw had been made at the North Pole and the bearded man she would soon stand face-to-face with was god-like and famous beyond her wildest imaginings. It was no wonder some children fainted as they stood in line, awaiting their turn.

The mothers- and it was almost entirely mothers-looked haggard and irritable as they shifted from foot to foot, their arms loaded with clothing and sometimes, amazingly, still able to hold onto a small, pink hand. Children ranged from solemn patience to whining to poking their siblings or twirling on the spot. And with worm-like speed, the line advanced toward the great man, enthroned on an over-sized chair while the camera flashed repeatedly with a soft, blinding puff of noise. Babies cried, shins scraped, stocking sagged and mothers warned as inch by inch, Andrea and her sister moved closer and closer to their destination.

Finally, they were next, right after the red haired boy who was talking so energetically into Santa's ear. Andrea rehearsed in her mind what she wanted for Christmas so she could tell Santa. If she forgot, how would he know? Though there was still her letter to be written, she was sure that meeting him in person would guarantee her requests - at least some of them.

Then it was their turn. But at the last minute, her sister decided she didn't want to go, she was too afraid. She stiffed her legs and dug in her heels. Andrea panicked, grabbed the small hand and almost dragged her sister forward. Santa looked at them uncertainly then leaned in their direction, smiling comfortably. After a short hesitation, the younger child almost skipped to Santa while Andrea hurried to keep up.

It was over too quickly. Andrea recalled a blur of shiny, curling beard and a mountainous soft, red form. There was a flash and she was guided by one of the helpers to the side ramp, where their mother waited, looking relieved. The photos would be mailed to them before Christmas.

Once the pressure of visiting with Santa was removed, the three of them relaxed enough to explore the shelves of toys and games. They never rode on the miniature train that circled toyland - their mother refused to stand in any more lines - but they did get to go to a restaurant for lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches and chocolate milkshakes. This was followed by a stroll along the windy sidewalks, gazing at windows and imagining themselves living in the wondrous scenes they depicted.

As Andrea placed the frame back on her sister's mantel, she smiled at the thought of her sister still having the photo. Obviously it was as magical a conjurer for her as for Andrea.



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pic of the past

As well as their painting forays into the forests of Haliburton, Ethel Curry, seated on right, and Doris McCarthy, standing on porch, also spent summers in the Maritimes, where they rented a cabin for \$5. Here they receive visitors, likely in the 1930s. At a ceremony at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, Doris McCarthy unveiled one of her paintings, which she has donated to the HHHS Foundation to hang beside a painting by her friend "Curry".

letters to the editor

Who's informed, who's not?

To the Editor:

This is in reference to a letter from Mr. Len Lassaline concerning the on-going debate over a proposed hiking trail along the Buckslides. Much of his letter was a restatement of arguments made previously by the president of the Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association and as they have been dealt with already by various individuals, I will not address them again.

However, I believe his letter was misleading in that he compares his group to Robert Bateman, stating "...we too are property owners on the south side of the Slides..." This seems to suggest that, like Mr. Bateman, Mr. Lassaline and friends

own property on the river. They do not. They own cottages on Boshkung Lake on lots that lie in a direction south of the river. And while Mr. Lassaline states "...we do not know whether Mr. Bateman is aware of the history behind the current actions ..." of the BLPOA, I would assume that Mr. Bateman would only have taken a position on the issue after careful thought and consideration. Could it be Mr. Lassaline wonders if Mr. Bateman is well informed because Mr. Bateman does not agree with Mr. Lassaline's position?

Sharon Lynch

Haliburton (and Buckslide property owner)

Just the facts please, not opinions

To the Editor:

Echo staff "reporter" Erik Martensson's front page election piece (Echo, Nov. 28) reveals personal bias well in excess of factual reporting.

While phrases such as "skated his way to another win" and "former Conservative stranglehold" are merely incorrectly absurd, the unwelcome and undeserved abuse of the Canadian Alliance and leader Stockwell Day is highly offensive to many Echo readers.

A "reporter" should do just that ... report! Biased opinion pieces already abound in the various Toronto rags.

Please consider: (1) over 15,500 persons chose Alliance in our riding and nearly 3-1/4 million Canada wide. (2) In a multi-party competition, Alliance (the new kid on the scene) placed second in over 80% of Ontario ridings in addition to winning two seats in the Ottawa area.

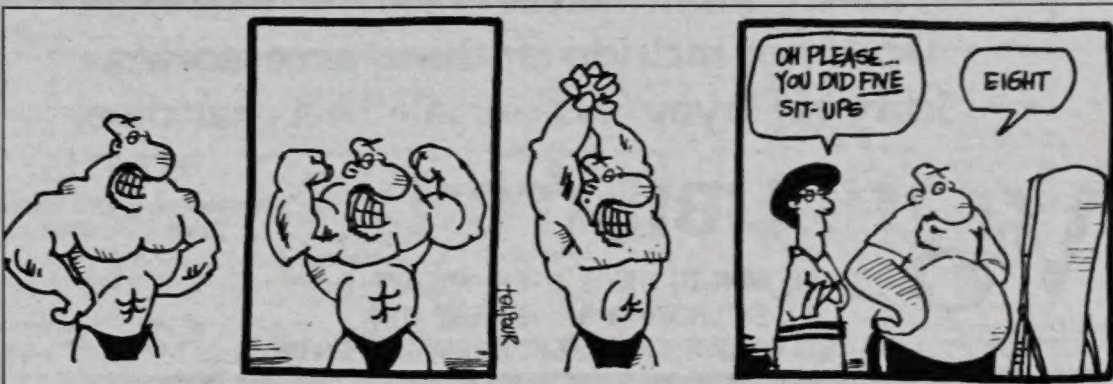
I would like to suggest that Mr. Martensson tender an apology publicly, and/or that editorial/publisher elements establish their distance from such inappropriate "reporting". All we ask is accurate reportage and fair play to all.

Don Wright,

Lochlin, Ontario

More letters on page 10

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



letters **to the editor****Customer service not the best**

To the Editor:

Thank you for the free parking Haliburton! Now, if we can ask some of the smaller retailers to provide more reasonable service you may see more local shoppers. Who has ever heard of a no refund policy - with receipt - because an item was on sale? You can have a credit, but it must be used within two weeks.

If that's how you choose to run your business - fine. But at least inform the customer of your policies at the time of purchase, not after they attempt to return it.

Fortunately for us Haliburton's larger retailers,

Home Hardware, Sears, V & S and L.C.B.O. all provide excellent customer service and return policies. But unfortunately, my experience was not a surprise to many as I was told of similar unsatisfactory service at other local stores.

This time of year especially customers need to know that it is safe for them to spend their money locally; please try to make it so. Buyer Beware and ask BEFORE you buy!

Linda Nottage
Wilberforce

**Gathering
will remember
women slain
in Montreal**

To the Editor:

Eleven years have passed since any complacency we may have had about the achievements of feminism was shattered by the killing of 14 women at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. We will gather this year on December 6, as we have done each year, to remember, to mourn, and to share our determination to work for change.

How far have we come? There are record numbers of women engineering students; women in law and medical schools often outnumber men. Still, 40 women each year are murdered by an intimate male partner. Still, women shoulder the greatest share of care for the elderly, the very young, the ill members of their families. Still, men earn on average 40% more than women.

And we still hear the tired old calls for the police, the courts, anyone else but me, to keep those killers locked up. As if we were safe if only we could get rid of those few deranged individuals. As if that level of violence were not just the end point of a continuum that includes sexist, racist, homophobic jokes, harassment, inequities in every facet of our culture, being silent when a woman or child is hurt, condoning a political system that keeps women and children in poverty - all these everyday acts that form the wide and strong base on which, finally, the possibility of killing a woman as a means of controlling her, can stand.

As we remember, as we still mourn, not only those 14 women, but the hundreds and hundreds of others, we must find the determination to make the small, courageous changes daily. Please join us for a brief memorial gathering on December 6 at 12:15 at the traffic lights in Haliburton. If possible, bring some non perishable food to exchange for a candle.

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Retiring seniors will put heavy demands on local health care

At the Strategic planning seminar which was recently held at Home Support, the guest speaker was a marketing professor who plans to retire in Haliburton County. Jim Coughlin.

He approaches our health situation with a trained, analytical eye. He took part in the development and implementation of the Haliburton County 2000 Research Study and presented some "eye opening" facts in his presentation.

Most of the data available is based on permanent residents who number about 15,000 and this is only 30% of the population of Haliburton County. Thirty-five per cent of these are over the age of 55 and are retired. Of those permanent residents

between ages 45-54, 20% are already retired, 13% will be retired within five years and 21% within six to 10 years. Typically for local residents they have a lower than average income and a lower than average education level.

Whereas 70% of the county's population is seasonal, 25% are 55-64 years of age, 20% are 65-75 years old and 7% are over 75. Since health care is linked to age, one can begin to estimate the demand for services.

column

seniors today

Ruth Still

754-2602

Another factor to be considered for these seasonal residents of those 45-54 years old, 7% are already retired, 31% plan to retire within five years and 29% within six to 10 years. As an earnest of their intentions 44% of our seasonal residents want to increase the amount of time spent at their cottages or convert their cottage to a permanent home.

The seasonal population so outweighs the permanent. For example by Township: Anson, Hindon and Minden - Seasonal 4136 to 2552 permanent

Cardiff 1363 to 893

Dysart et al 14000 to 4761

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Bicroft, with a permanent population of 834, Lutterworth with 927 and Sherborne et al with 487 have a negligible number of seasonal residents.

From this data you can slot in where you belong. You also begin to realize the impact on the county and all of its support services as seasonal residents become permanent. The tax base will not be greatly altered as the majority of seasonal residents already own property within the County of Haliburton. Within five years one can expect daily living to resemble summertime living of the present with many facilities taxed to the limit.

Being well educated these people will use our college facilities for new areas of learning, our artistic and cultural facilities to broaden their experience. Dining, sports and entertainment facilities will be in demand, as will service in food, building materials, skills in repair and maintenance. The list of needs is limitless, but looming over all is the demand for health care services based on the current and future ages of the seasonal population plus the permanent.

Revelations in light of massacre

On December 6, 1989, 14 women were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique, in what became known as the Montreal Massacre. The following comments were written by Alison Mack of Haliburton, recalling a conversation she had with her brother around this time last year.

My youngest brother is an engineer and he did his Masters at L'Ecole Polytechnique. He was in the Polytechnique building when the massacre occurred. On the night of December 5, 1999, I received a phone call from him. It was in response to an e-mail I had sent asking him if he remembered the actual time when Marc Lepine started and stopped shooting. I thought he might know. I had also asked him what memory most struck him and whether media coverage bothered him as I had heard it bothered others who had been there.

When I answered the phone, I could hear the emotional rawness in his voice. He said he thought Lepine had started shooting about 10 to five and shot himself at about 5:20. But that seemed in conflict with another memory that the massacre had lasted 40 minutes, not 30. He could distinctly remember that just after five, people had flooded up into the offices on the upper floors of the building wanting to lock the doors behind them. He phoned his fiancée at 5:30 when it was all over.

He then turned to the question of media reporting. He started a sentence. Then there was a very long silence, followed by a couple of intakes of air, a clearing of his throat, and a cough or two. He started again. Through a strangled voice, broken by a few sobs, he was able to get out that there were 13 students not 14, and one administrative assistant. The media inaccuracy was the thing that bothered him the

most because, in forgetting the details, they were forgetting the actual people.

He went on to say that his most powerful memory was from mid-December 1989. He went to a memorial display set up in the building by the families of these women. The memorial contained extensive bios, photos and mementos. What was really clear to him was how these women could have done anything. They were so talented. They were doing really well in a very tough program. The powerful component for him was that this display kept the focus on the individuals. Stories of individuals are what's important.

We talked about other related things. I told him that on the fifth anniversary I had received a phone call from a friend in Spain who admitted that her boyfriend was beating her. And that that week, I had had a call from another friend who had just discovered that the guy she was seeing had been playing a prank on her for the previous two weeks. He had written her two stalking-type letters and placed them in a mailbox at work. He only confessed to his role when she was adamant that she had to advise their boss about the situation. His reaction was that she couldn't take a joke. He actually thought she was being weird and hypersensitive. My brother was appalled.

Finally, he told me how he can feel the fear in women when he is out walking at night. His way of acknowledging the legitimacy of their fear of strange men is to walk ahead of, not behind, women. That way they can keep their eyes on him.

Asking those three questions about the Montreal Massacre showed me an important side of my brother.

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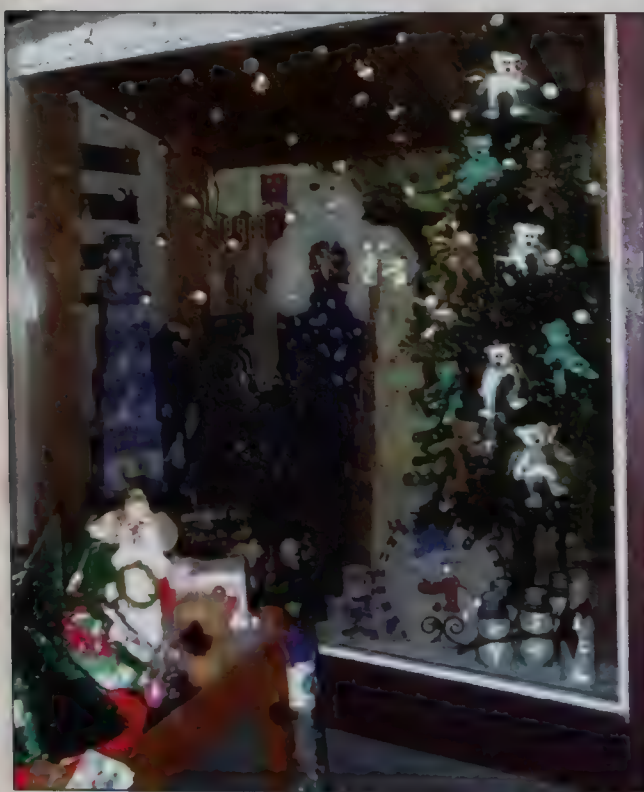
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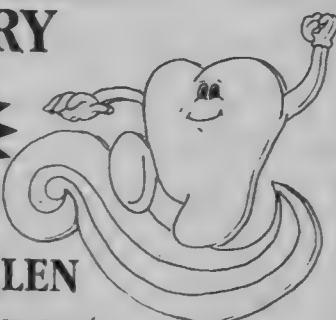
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Sir Sam's prepares for season

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Special to The Echo

Here we are at the start of another ski season and Sir Sam's is ready to open on Dec 9.

Many hours of preparation have gone into getting everything ready for opening season. The making of snow for the ski hills is underway and the hills look great. Grooming of the hills is also underway and with the weather staying on the cooler side everything should be fantastic for the opening weekend.

A lot of things are also happening in the background. One very important item is making sure all of the safety requirements are addressed. These are handled by Sir Sam's operations department and the Ski Patrol.

The Canadian Ski Patrol System is on the hills to assist in reducing the number of ski accidents and also to provide remedial and First Aid services in the event of an accident. These people are all dedicated volunteers and have been trained in First Aid including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and On-Hill/On-Snow Toboggan Training.

Sir Sam's has been providing training to all their staff in preparing for any emergencies. In the event of an emergency with skiers being stranded on the chair lift, a procedure to remove the skiers has been practised successfully and completed. In the training session held on December 2 all those stranded were rescued safely and returned to ground level.

For more information about the Ski Patrol, which is in need of members, contact Karen Rae Short 705-454-9180 or at Sir Sam's contact Ross Pawson, 705-754-2298.



BOB LEFROY/ECHO

Easy does it as Sir Sam's staff and members of the Ski Patrol "rescue" someone who had been stranded on the ski lift during a practice demonstration on Saturday.

Youth racing squad begins training Tuesday

Ahhh, the fickle snow goddess. She gives with one hand and takes with the other, all the while teasing her suitors. Sorry, in November we resort to bad metaphors and rock skis.

The ski club recently held a meeting to organize a youth racing squad, and it looks like we've got a great start to our racing program. If you couldn't make it out, skiers will meet with Marcel Crete for the first time on Dec 5th at 4:30 at the clubhouse. Workouts are scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Bring skis if there's snow, bring poles for a dry land workout if there isn't. If you'd like to join in to either help out or work out, then come on out.

If you missed our recent club membership meeting, then there's still lots of time to mend your ways and join up. Call 448-3954 for all the details.

On Saturday, November 25, I skied 10k around the Slipper and Allsaw loops to check for deadfall and to get the blood moving. I am aware that others had beaten me onto the boards, but it was a sign that it will be a good season.

I frequently repeat that the most valuable pair of skis

anyone can own are the rock skis. They are the ones that keep the others in good condition, because no one can resist a dump of early season snow, even when we know the rocks aren't quite covered.

I use an old pair of 215cm wooden skis for the early season for a few reasons. They were nearly free at a yard sale. I can easily and quickly repair major scratches with sandpaper and pine tar. They are also fairly slow. Slow might not seem like a good idea, especially when you're itching to break the sound barrier on skis, but there is good sense to slower downhill when you're not quite sure when

you might fetch up on a rock.

Using the classic diagonal stride technique is also a good idea when there's not enough snow to groom. A track can easily be skied into fresh snow. Some club members have even gone so far as to fly out west to get a jump on training for the season. It's just too bad that they were beaten to the punch by old ski technology and good, old-fashioned elbow grease.

We are now in a position to take advantage of the hard work and effort put into picking stones and raking out the trails we use.

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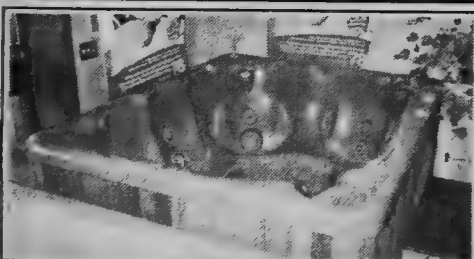
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Lisa Box-Warburton

To follow up from my previous fit tip, this is the time of year all the goodies come out and it is hard to resist. Don't resist, but each these things in moderation.

With all the parties and get-togethers you will be attending in the next month and a half, there will be lots of extra calories to expend, so do it. If you want to have some treats, have them but get out there and do some exercise to wear them off. Go for a walk or join an aerobics class - just do something active.

Stay healthy over the holidays, physically and mentally, by being active and slowing down and smelling the roses, as they say.

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Initial vote shows amalgamation between Minden and Haliburton hockey associations has strong support

A survey conducted by the Minor Hockey Amalgamation Interest Committee shows a large number of decided members are currently in favour of amalgamating the Haliburton and Minden Minor Hockey Associations.

The survey, conducted at both the Haliburton and Minden arenas, shows that out of the 160 appraisals completed, 88% of the decided members (31% were undecided) were currently in favour of an amalgamation.

Parents and players overall were generally happy with their previous hockey experiences but there were some areas where it was felt there could be

some improvement. The House League would like more games, more practice time with better drills with the aim of reducing the skill gap on a team as well as a better coaching style and reduced travelling time.

The amalgamation committee was formed earlier this year to study the possibilities of the merger in order to make hockey more accessible to kids. "To provide an opportunity to improve the hockey experience at all levels and ages" is the committee's mission statement.

Minor league hockey enrollment has been dropping in recent years making it difficult to assemble teams in the

Highlands. As well, because of the reduced enrollment weaker players are losing ice time and interest in the game.

The committee feels that by lowering the cost of playing hockey, more kids will join up and more teams and leagues can be formed. First-time players will be charged only \$99 for the first season. The committee also believes that more players will join a house league because travelling and expenses would be minimal.

The committee is preparing to deliver a proposal that will clearly outline how an amalgamated hockey association would operate and how it

would affect the hockey experience at all levels and ages by January 2001. The committee is then hoping to have a vote by February 2001 with one vote cast for each registered player. To proceed, 67% of votes must be in favour of amalgamation.

The Committee is preparing a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed on what is happening with the amalgamation and members can be contacted with any questions. The members of the Amalgamation Interest Committee are Cathy Arbour, Gary Smith, Brian Sachs, Laurie Smith, Ron Yake, Jim Winn, David Hollows and Andy Lennox.

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Husky hockey

Rushes to net keep parents on the edges of their seats and Novice Bs in the game

by WENDY SISSON

What a difference a week makes. On Saturday, the Novice B Huskies had a second chance at the Bobcaygeon squad and with a practice under their belt, Haliburton was ready to play hockey.

This game had both teams making use of the whole ice surface with some good rushes to the nets. But, at mid way through the first period it would be Haliburton on the score board first with a goal by Keaton Gadway. By this point, it was obvious that the Huskies had a feel for how the Cougars played, as our guys stuck close to their man not allowing them to get as many chances at their goalie as last time. At the end of the first, Bobcaygeon would tie it up.

The second period brought a lot of the same high pace. Curtis Nichol was strong in goal, gaining control of the puck with lots of congestion around the net and stopping a four-man breakaway to keep the Huskies alive. Drew Paul was then able to make a great drive to the net and score to make it a 2-1 game.

In the third Bobcaygeon tied it up and with two minutes left they got the go ahead goal. Luke Watson and Ryan Richards put some great efforts into getting the game tied up again but Bobcaygeon would remain the successor of this well played out game.



Submitted



At the 17th Annual Early Bird Men's Curling Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club in November, chairman Art Dawson, second from left above, presents the A Event trophy, sponsored by Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants, to the rink of Chester Howse, Vic Ibbotson, Al Degrave and Gary Thorpe. At left are the C Event winners, John Wilson, Terry Lloyd, Tom Curry and Dave Elstone with their Easton's ValuMart trophy.



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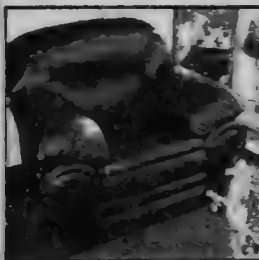
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Busy week has Atom As howling for more

by PATTI TALLMAN

The Gary Burch Construction/Valu-mart Atom A team came up with three more wins and a tie. They travelled November 27 to Little Britain and pretty much dominated the plays. They got one goal early in the first period but came up with two more in the second and another in the third for a final score of 4 - 0, a great shut-out for Ian Sachs. What a great team effort. Goals were by Mitch Vasey and Max Ambridge with assists to Tyler Watson, Kenton Winn, Daniel Paul, Ryan Scheffee, Mitch Vasey and Max Ambridge.

Friday against Woodville was their first challenge with some matched end-to-end plays. Woodville started the game off with two really quick goals which took the guys by surprise. The Huskies came right back with two beauty goals. That was it for Woodville, as in the second Haliburton scored twice to end the game 4 - 2 for Haliburton.

Assisting on goals were Ryan Scheffee, Matt Johnston, Jesse Tallman, Mitch Vasey, Dallyn Smith, Max Ambridge, Tyler Watson and Steven Miscio. Goals were scored by Devin Hunter, Tyler Watson and Matt Johnston.

Saturday night's game against Newcastle started with the Huskies coming out strong in the first period, getting two goals. The second started not as pleasantly with Newcastle coming right back and getting two lucky goals to tie the game up. But the Huskies were still eager and got a nice quick one with nine seconds left in the second period to go ahead.

They came back out in the third with strong determination as a team wanting to achieve more. Each hungry for the puck, they had some solid back-checking and nice passing from end to end. Newcastle tied it up midway through the third but the Huskies were determined and scored soon after but Newcastle pulled their goalie hoping to tie the game but the Huskies got a beauty empty net goal by Ryan Scheffee. Newcastle remained challenged and got a lucky quickie to make it 5 - 4 for Haliburton. Newcastle again pulled their goalie hoping to tie it up but another beauty empty-netter by Mitch Vasey sealed the win for the Huskies for a final score, 6 - 4. Awesome plays, guys. Congrats!

Well, if that wasn't enough hockey for the weekend, they thought they would

start a nice exhibition series back to back against Innismore on Sunday night. Eager for more, the guys came out full of energy and what great entertainment was had by all. Competing with end-to-end plays, the Huskies had some solid plays back and forth and were very persistent, strong on defence and fast on the rushes. Tied at one after the first, Innismore led off with a goal in the second but the Huskies came right back with a quick goal to tie the game. With a nice heads-up play, Kenton Winn tossed a beauty shot right up the centre straight to the goalie and Devin Hunter was right there to get the rebound to tie the game once more. Innismore kept at it and went ahead but Tyler Watson kept a strong hold on stick handling, deeking, hitting, flipping and flopping all the way from our blue line and scored to tie the game once again. Holding strong, Max Ambridge got a quick goal to go ahead at the end of the second period. But Innismore came out just a wee bit stronger in the third to score a goal for a final tie, 4 - 4, to end a great game.

Sorry that Ian Sachs could not brush up on his ABCs - he had 42 shots on him while the Innismore goalie had 22. With awesome goaltending to the bitter end, Ian came up with a beauty save on a break-away with only three seconds left.

The team plays in Haliburton on Friday at 7, bringing home Innismore for some true blue hockey.

Double goal scorers top men's league action this week

The following players were picked this week as Haliburton Men's Hockey League MVPs:



Darnell Gilbert

Game #1: Coyotes vs Allstars. Darnell Gilbert and his Allstars came up short in a late game come-back, sparked by Darnell's two goals. Unfortunately, the Allstars still lost 5 - 4 to the relentless Coyotes.

Game #2: Blues vs Senators. Alex McCracken led the way with two goals and one assist as his Senators stung the Blues 5 - 0, recording the year's first shutout. (Photo not available).

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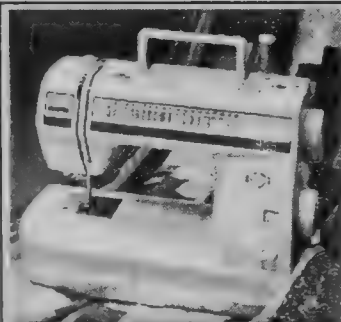
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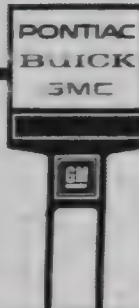
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The Mites may be small, but their games are big news among their fans

by WADE MACINNES

As the Lindros saga continues, the big story in the hockey world is the singing of "Jumping Jake Sisson" to a long-term deal by the Husky Mite team estimated to be between five and seven Canadian. (Two American jelly beans!). Coach Boice said, "we couldn't have done it without the support of the sponsors, the IGA and Churko Furniture."

Highly touted young prospect Dell Myers is still skating with the farm team down on the rock and will hopefully join the big club later on in the season.

Speaking of the big club, they hosted the Minden Monarchs on Saturday, December 2 at 1 p.m. for their final pre-season game. The Crowns were out for revenge of the 4 - 3 loss suffered the previous week in Minden.

The intensity was hot right from the get-go and in this mad battle for possession the game got very Canadian. Bodies were flying everywhere and not a Swede in sight.

Jacob Harrison put the Monarchs up 1 - 0 in the first period. Minden's goalies put on a clinic as the Huskies roared back with some great chances as Stew Chaulk was stopped at point blank range, Zack Boice rang one off the post, Riley Tait ripped one wide and Nick Hunter was sent flying through the crease trying to deek the goalie. The Husky onslaught finally paid off as Donovan MacInnes found an open corner and buried it with helpers going to Jake Sisson and Connor Holowachuk.

Under two minutes later, Stew Chaulk blasted one in from the blue ice (Gary Roberts land).

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Minden Mites came to Haliburton on Saturday for a thrills-and-spills game of hockey. Towards the end of the game, the Huskies lost their lead, giving the Monarchs a 5-4 win.

Nate Feir and Zach (The Hammer) Boice assisted on Chaulks' goal. The Huskies went up 3 - 1 when the Hammer turned on the jets going coast to coast tickling the twine with a snapper. Naughty Nick Hunter and Tiger Stoughton picked up the assists. Less than a minute later, Harrison scored his second for the Monarchs closing to

within one.

At the three-minute mark of the second, Husky rookie Ty Barry took some tic tac toe passes from leaping Liam Wilcox and Razor Riley Tait and exploded down the pond capping it off with a beauty goal putting the blue and white up 4 - 2.

A bit "Leaf-like", the Huskies

thought they had the game in the bag, but the Monarchs showed some gusto and stormed back with three unanswered goals, two more from Jacob Harrison and one from Tanner Hamilton to nip the canines 5 - 4. Fans from both centres were on their feet applauding as the mini warriors lined up to shake paws.



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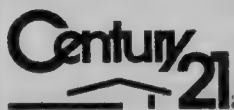
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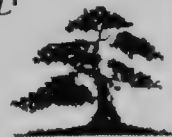
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Federal election review

Alliance says media a factor for lack of breakthrough

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very optimistic and hopeful in predicting a large-scale breakthrough in Ontario, a province which Wood thinks may not be ready for the Alliance yet.

"To be honest in my opinion I thought at the low end we would get two to three seats, in the medium we'd get six to eight and at the high end we'd get ten to twelve. I never really thought we'd get 20 to 40," says Wood. "It's a hard sell in this province, people still look at the party as being right-wing and unfortunately a lot of people don't pick up the policy booklets and read them. So they listen to the media and they hear the 30-second sound bite and there's usually more to the story but they don't hear it."

Wood says the new party suffered because it was unfairly tarred as being radical by both the Liberals and the media while policy issues were left off the agenda.

"I'm disappointed in the media from that respect. The media has the power to bring all the parties back on track by saying let's concentrate on the issues like health care. To get them to come out and voice their platform. And that to me was one of the greatest disappointments in this election, I'm not blaming the media totally, don't get me wrong, it happens from both sides. But the national papers are too interested in the smear campaign and I think Canadians as a whole were done a disservice. We weren't informed as to where the parties really stood."

As well, Dunn says the Liberals were able to portray the party's leader Stockwell Day as "scary".

"I think people will get used to and comfortable with Day. I don't think Stockwell is scary and I think most peo-



ple will see that once they get to know him."

Dunn says since the party's campaign was mainly Alberta-led it may not have had the necessary campaign experience in Ontario. He is expecting the party to have more of an Ontario influence in the future but he is solidly behind Day and believes he will continue to be the leader of the party despite the disappointments of the election.

"The new leader brought in new people so obviously they weren't as ready as they could have been," says Wood. "But they didn't catch us totally off guard, we knew it was coming. However, to get the message out you have to have media that's going to cover all aspects of a campaign and dig into the policies."

Dunn adds the voter split with the Progressive Conservatives may have cost the Alliance the riding. A way to definitively overcome the split is something

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ALLIANCE CANDIDATE PAT DUNN

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Dunn doesn't have a solution for.

"Well, that's the \$64,000 question isn't it? I don't know. We just have to keep building bridges and convincing people to join our party."

"The Canadian Alliance was built to try to bring all conservatives together. Our policies were modified in some ways, not all of them, but some, to attract the Conservatives and it seemed it didn't work in this riding anyway," adds Wood.

In an attempt to stop the vote splitting Wood says his party opened their doors to provincial Conservatives.

"The provincial Tories were on board and jumped ship towards the end and that hurt us. I know that happened in this riding. We had some PCs on our board that walked away the last few days and they used the excuse that they saw things changing, that they didn't like some of the policies and so on."

Despite the loss Dunn and Wood say they are optimistic about the future.

While Tory candidate Laurie Scott's name recognition played well with older voters Wood believes the Alliance is attracting younger people and will gain strength over time. He also points out that the Alliance won two seats in Ontario while the Tories are mainly restricted to the Atlantic Provinces.

"They have to be tired of finishing third in this riding," says Dunn. "And they're the fifth placed party nationally. I don't know how much longer they can take it."

Dunn says he doesn't foresee a bright future for the PC Party as Joe Clark is already saying it is unlikely he will lead the Tories into the next election.

"I don't see anyone else going in there and winning Calgary Center."

Dunn says he will definitely be back and hopefully will be the Alliance candidate again.

"You know what they say, third time lucky."

Wood says they will be working hard over the next few years to raise the party's media profile in the riding and let the public compare Alliance policies to those of the other parties.

"We lost by less than a thousand votes. A thousand votes isn't a whole lot. We can make it up. We're going to have to work hard for the next four years and get the message out and let people know where we really do stand. We keep gaining popularity so definitely people are looking and when people look they like us. But if they don't look it's pretty hard to sell them," says Wood.

"We don't have very far to go," adds Dunn.

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Laurie Scott happy with her first campaign despite defeat

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

Looking back on her first federal election campaign Progressive Conservative candidate Laurie Scott says she is happy with her party's performance in the tight three-way race in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. Although the Tories finished third behind the Liberals and the Canadian Alliance, Scott believes the respectable performance bodes well for the party's future.

"I feel very positive of what we've accomplished in this election as the PC Party. We've got our base back."

The 37-year-old health care professional was able to slightly improve on the party's last election showing earning 29.50 per cent of the vote compared to the 26.71 per cent Tory candidate Lorne Chester received in 1997.

Scott believes her campaign was able to build momentum and just needed more time to push it over the top.

"From the polling that was done we were the only party that continued to go up in the last week and the others were coming down. All I can speak for is this riding but I think ten more days or two

ERIK MARTENSSON/ECHO



"We've got our base back," says PC newcomer Laurie Scott, who picked up votes in the final days of the federal election.

weeks would have made a difference. I think we just didn't have enough time and I think Joe Clark nationally maybe felt the same way. Certainly we would have liked to have more preparation, we were hoping for a spring election. But otherwise the team was great."

Scott says because of the large size of

the riding she wasn't able to get everywhere and push the message of the party's policies but she was pleased with the positive nature of the campaign and the interest it managed to generate.

Scott says she is also happy with Clark as leader of the Conservatives and what he was able to do with a party many people predicted was dead.

"He's done a good job, he's brought us back to where we are. We needed to be reminded where we came from, what we stood for and why we stood for it and he's certainly done that."

Scott is already looking forward to the next election and says the Tories in the riding will be active in the interim. They are planning to rebuild the party and have already had meetings to establish an even stronger executive and campaign team. She says over the next few years they will be urging people to take a strong look at their party's policies.

"We had the best plan for health care, we had the best plan for agriculture, we had a great education plan. We had so many plans for tax reduction and taxes and I certainly felt they were the right things to do. So I think we need to con-

tinue to establish who we are as PCs and why people should support us and just be out there in the community listening and informing people."

One challenge for the Tories will be to bring back the voters that went to the Alliance in this election and the Reform in 1997, splitting the right-wing vote and allowing the Liberals to win the riding for a third straight time.

"(Alliance supporters) need to take a look at us and why they left. I think with our policies and platforms they have a reason to come back. And they need a clear national party, an alternative to the Liberals."

"With this election I think it's pretty obvious that the Alliance aren't going to break through in Ontario," adds Scott, noting the party only won two seats in Ontario. "People need to turn their thoughts more towards us and what we're standing for and I think that's what's going to happen. I know we only got 12 seats but I just feel the base is there now. People have regrouped and I think they're going to look at us more seriously. A lot of people were scared to vote for us in this election and that's going to come back."

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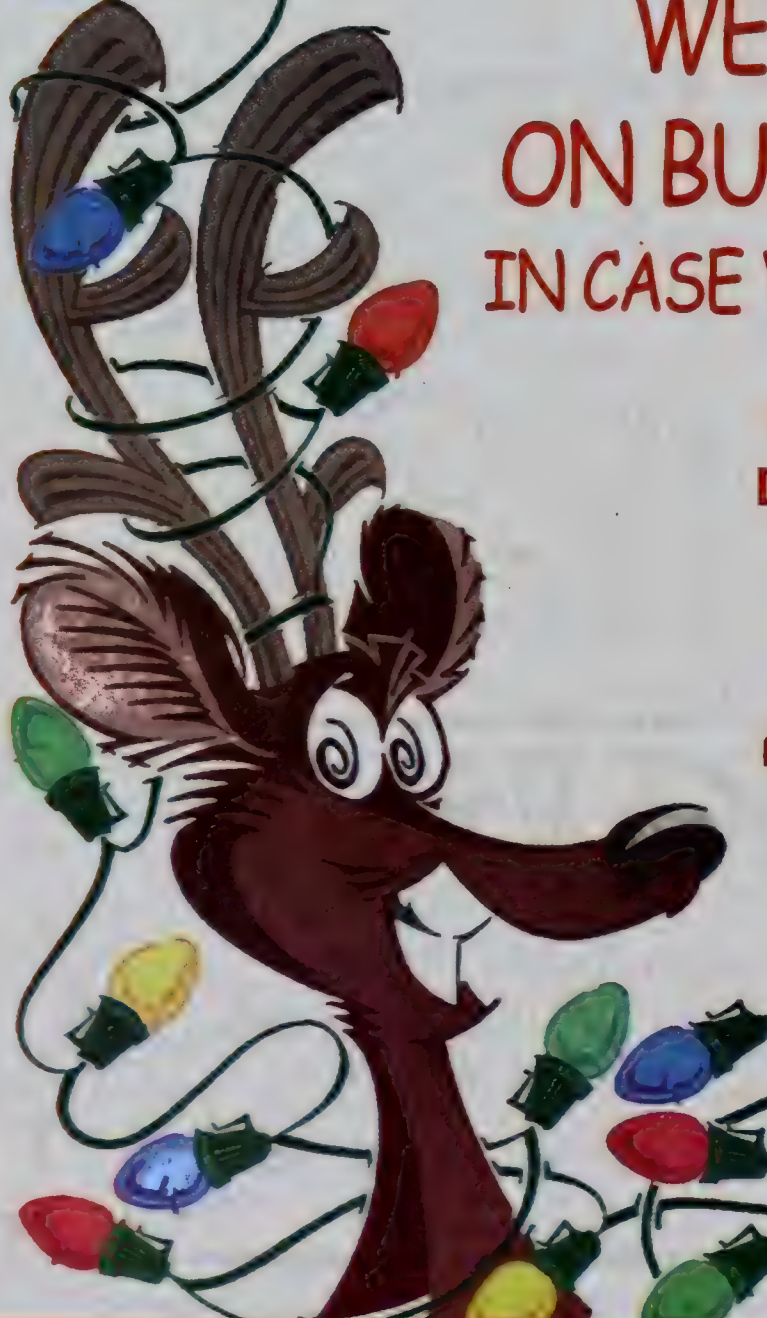
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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

FOR DECADES, painter Doris McCarthy has impressed people with her artistic abilities.

On Friday, she impressed dozens of Highlanders gathered at the Haliburton Hospital with her wit, energy and generous spirit – and, of course, her artistic abilities.

The 90-year-old recipient of the Order of Canada and Order of Ontario was at the hospital to unveil "Frozen Lake, Head Lake, Haliburton 1933", which she has donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

She did the painting during one of her many trips to Haliburton with her friend and fellow student at the Ontario College of Art, the late Ethel Curry. Today, the painting hangs beside Curry's favourite painting, one she did of Portage Lake in 1945. It has been donated to the Foundation by Curry's niece and nephew-in-law, Sheila and Don Popple.

Don Popple's brother Bob, who helped make the arrangements with McCarthy and brought her to the ceremony, called McCarthy "one of the great Canadians of our time, a lady of immense achievement." (The diminutive painter later said how refreshing it was to be called immense.)

She's done more than 7,000 sketches and paintings, inspired others as a teacher, studied her craft with members of the Group of Seven and is the author of two memoirs. A third book of her work, *Celebrating Life*, was published last year when she was chosen as the McMichael Gallery's Artist of Honour.

A world traveller, she has made many forays into the Arctic and is just back from a trip to the Selkirk Mountains in British Columbia. In the new

year, she's going to Tunisia and then returning to Toronto for an opening of a new show in February before heading down to California and Arizona to paint.

She's been given two honorary doctorates, is a fellow of the Ontario Art College and in 1973, became a full member of the Royal Canadian Academy, which limits its membership to 40 artists. She became a member of the Ontario Society of Artists in 1945.

Yet back in 1930, at the corner of College and Yonge Streets, she had her first exhibit with her good friend Ethel Curry. Seven years her senior, Curry, as McCarthy endearingly called her, was born and raised in Haliburton, where she left a teaching job to continue her studies at OCA and met up with the then 17-year-old McCarthy. In 1927, Curry invited McCarthy home for part of the Christmas break, the first of many painting trips the women would enjoy together.

On Friday, McCarthy greeted the crowd gathered at the hospital by saying "this is homecoming to me. Haliburton is deep in my heart."

Her love of Haliburton began in 1917, when her parents brought her to Robertsons' boarding house on Lake Kashagawigamog. It was her mother who suggested to Mrs. Robertson that they name their establishment Wigamog and it was on the lake that Mr. McCarthy taught his daughter how to paddle.

With such happy connotations with Haliburton, when Curry said that she was from Haliburton, McCarthy said to herself "Haliburton! She must be wonderful!"

"Curry took me under her wings," McCarthy recounted. "We had a wonderful, increasingly rich friendship."

She recalled that first train trip to Curry's home. It was a "whis-



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Leaving through a book about her work, *Celebrating Life*, Doris McCarthy makes Don and Bob Popple – not to mention everyone else at the unveiling ceremony at the Haliburton Hospital – laugh. Below left is McCarthy's painting of Head Lake, which hangs beside Ethel Curry's painting of Portage Lake, below right.



tle stop", stopping at every hamlet, no matter how small. In Kinmount, the conductor, Albert, told her she had enough time to get something to eat at one of the downtown hotels. She was finishing her boiled egg when a little boy came into the dining room to tell her that Albert said the train was ready to go when she was.

"Ma Curry (Ethel's mother) met me at the Haliburton station with a horse and sleigh. Haliburton was deep in snow. There were no roads open for cars, you could only travel by sleigh."

Dressed in an old fur coat, Mrs. Curry kept warm by snuggling under blankets when she took the two young women by

sleigh on painting expeditions. Local townspeople wondered what the two women saw in the landscapes and houses that was worth painting, but the painters loved every minute of it. Eventually, McCarthy bought a car belonging to Ethel's brother Ron, a roadster with a rumble seat.

McCarthy revealed herself as a bon vivant when she recounted the two women's painting trip to North Lake near Haliburton Lake. It was quite uncommon for women in those days to rough it in the bush, but it was a time of deep contentment and artistic creativity for them.

They brought up some food, and the Curry family would

periodically paddle up with supplies, but there came a point where McCarthy craved real meat instead of canned goods.

She had taken to carrying a .22 rifle along with her painting supplies when she went into the forest and one day she spied a partridge – "out of season! Fresh meat!"

"I discovered I was potentially a hunter."

That partridge dinner tasted so good...

After graduation from OCA, the two women got teaching jobs at two different high schools in Toronto, freeing up their summers for painting expeditions. Favourite destinations became the Gaspé and

See McCarthy page 26

McCarthy praises Highlands' emphasis on the arts

from page 25

Maritimes, where they rented a cabin for \$5 a month.

During their time together, Curry, who was always stylishly dressed in clothes she had sewn for herself, sewed the seed of appreciation of "the aesthetic virtue of life" in McCarthy. "She introduced people to the idea that art was an important part of life."

Today, coming back to Curry's home town, McCarthy finds a community that celebrates and honours art through its art galleries - including one named after Ethel Curry -, its School of the Arts and even at its hospitals. She praised the community for embracing art and for building such a modern healthcare facility for its residents.

"This is incredible in a place the size of Haliburton," she said. "There are lots of other hospitals that could learn from you."

Dale Walker, the Foundation's manager, turned that praise around, thanking McCarthy for her tribute to the village and her friend. "It's a very special occasion to us," she said. "We're here to honour a very nice woman who's done a

great thing for us."

"This is something that will be treasured for years to come and we certainly appreciate your generosity," said Gord Monk, chairman of the Foundation's board.

For Don and Sheila Popple, the ceremony had special resonance because it brought back the spirit of Ethel Curry, a devoted aunt and teacher who passed away earlier this year at the age of 97.

Curry's painting, which the Popples donated at the official opening in October, is the one which always hung in her bedroom, Don Popple told the crowd, "and artists don't hang paintings in their own homes if they didn't like it."

When he and Sheila decided to donate the painting to the Foundation, of which he's the chairman of the capital campaign committee, they felt Curry's painting on its own would be lonely. That's when they decided to approach Curry's dear friend to donate a painting to hang beside it, bringing the two women together again for all time.

He thanked his brother Bob for working so hard to bring the idea to fruition, saying "artists need people like him -



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

At the hospital reception, Doris McCarthy told HHSS art teacher Rose Pearson and her students that there's nothing like getting outside and painting

he's a promoter of Canadian art."

After the official unveiling, McCarthy met with everyone who attended. She spent several minutes talking to HHSS art teacher Rose Pearson and some of the students she had brought along.

McCarthy told them to get outside and paint, to experience beauty by surrounding yourself with it and capturing its essence on canvas.

"It's amazing," student Kate Foulds

said of the opportunity to talk to such a distinguished artist. "I'll probably remember this for the rest of my life. This is a real artist who talks to you and gives you words of wisdom."

"She's very inspiring," agreed Ebony Scalf. "She's so full of life."

"It's really cool to see the work of someone who's really, really good," says fellow student Mike Cameron. "It inspires you to be good yourself."

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County must 'get serious' about libraries: Fearrey

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the November 22 county council meeting.

Library

There was not good news when it came to the library budget. Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison says the county's treasurer, Shannon Hunter, says the budget is already over by \$8,000, not because of over-spending, but because the county librarian had budgeted revenues to be higher.

"I find this to be a little bit of a shock because I had been told we'd come in with no deficit," she says.

She said county librarian Joel Levis doesn't agree with Hunter's figures and a meeting has been set up for the two of them to look over the numbers.

"The numbers seem pretty black and white to me," Harrison said. "The biggest problem is he over-estimated the budget by a considerable amount."

As well, a Gates Foundation grant for computers won't come into play until next year.

"I have real concerns about the library," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said. "It's time to get serious."

He said he's heard complaints about the limited number of hours the libraries are open plus a lack of programing.

"We've let the responsibility fall to administration," he said. "It's all our faults and I'm part of it, too."

"We have to make it one of our priorities."

Council said any deficit would be forwarded to next year's library budget.

Budgets

At this time of the fiscal year, 88% of the county's budget should be spent, Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney said; the actual spending stands at 86%.

"Unless there are some surprises with the roads, we should be okay (with the budget)," he said.

The roads budget has \$332,000 left, Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon reported. Expenditures are running at 94% of the budget because road construction projects were more costly than anticipated.

Given the constraints on the roads budget, McMahon hoped the snow was not here to stay.

Rail corridor

The roads committee's subcommittee on the rail corridor has drafted a policy on the use of the corridor. It will be distributed for review in the new year.

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Work on the naming and numbering of roads has been temporarily suspended because the geographer hired to do the work, Stephen Foster, has already spent the \$23,000 allocated by council plus an additional \$3,700. There will be a report on the project at the December council meeting.

Hello, goodbye

Council welcomed the county's new CAO Gary King, who is the former CAO of the town of Gravenhurst.

They also said goodbye to interim CAO Bill Rice, a consultant who has been working for the county part-time since Les Shepherd left.

"You've been particularly helpful to county council and your expertise has been felt and greatly appreciated," Warden Jeanne Anthon told Rice.

"It has been an interesting experience," Rice acknowledged. "You did have a number of critical items (such as taking over management of the ambulance service and



New County CAO Gary King

hiring a new CAO) that had to be done."

However, Mr. Rice did say that he was looking forward to not having to commute from Sudbury.

Family Services

The three-year strategic plan of Family Services of Haliburton County has almost run its course and it's time for a new one, said McMahon, council's representative.

He reported the agency is very concerned about daycare funding, which as part of an administrative partnership with Victoria County, is controlled in Lindsay.

"We're getting no where with the alliance (with Victoria)," McMahon said.

McMahon asked the county's representative on the health unit's board, Keith Tallman, about the health unit's recent ad to hire a co-ordinator for its Healthy Children program. Family Services is supposed to be the umbrella organization for children's services. Family Services would be interested in bidding for the project, McMahon said.

Tallman said that all the money for the program is coming from the provincial government. He will share Family Services' concerns that the health unit may be duplicating or competing for services it already offers, he said.

Hyland Crest

Foster Loucks, the executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which will take over ownership and responsibility of Hyland Crest, is continuing to get to know the staff at the Minden home for the aged, which is presently owned by the county, Rigney reported.

Hyland Crest administrator Gary McKnight's lengthy convalescence from heart surgery will continue to last longer than expected. The director of nursing, Melinda O'Mara, has been filling in for him in conjunction with the HHHS and Extendicare, which has a contract to manage the facility.

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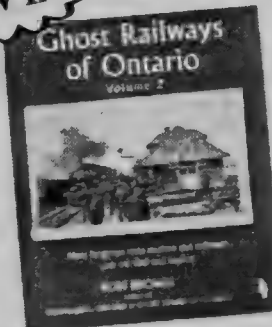
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It has a good tone, this bell. Many, a youngster was happy to ring it at St. Andrew's and I'm sure whoever rings it now will have equal pleasure in the ringing.

Election for MPP took place at the Baptist Church on Pine Lake, said church having access by wheelchair when necessary.

Maple Lake United Church said thank you to various people who had, over the past year, joined in services or had helped out somehow for special times. The thanks took the form of a generous and delicious turkey dinner. It was fol-

lowed by a sing-along to Kathleen Owens' accompaniment on their new piano in the basement.

A gift was given to the Rev. Jim Allsop and another to Kathleen, the organist, from the congregation.

A Christmas meal and music were also supplied at the Centre on December 3 for the Sunday Supper Club.

Rae and Elsie Gaouette of Toronto and their daughter, Nicole and husband Cameron Barr of Israel, with baby daughter Olivia, were guests of Sid and Louise Cooper

last weekend.

Ginnie Muenzel and I have recently been volunteering at the Pritchard House gift shop in Minden where numerous hand-crafted articles and even some Christmas goodies are on sale. We are surrounded by knit-wear, hand-painted scarves, cards, candles, wooden artifacts (to name a few), and, of course, beautifully woven articles. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, until before Christmas.

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Although the weather eventually forced the Blood Donor Clinic held at the Legion a couple of weeks ago to shut down, some brave souls did make it through the white stuff to make their contribution. Among them was HHSS student Aaron Martin who was a first time donor. Here Martin is seen being prepared for his donation by Clinic Assistant Cheryl Dowling. Another clinic will be held in March.

ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

Website to feature data base of community services, volunteer opportunities

Introducing: www.fourinfo.com
fourinfo.com is a new website which will ultimately serve the four counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria. The site currently features an online database of community services and an online volunteer opportunities database. Currently, only Northumberland County is online. However in the New Year, Haliburton, Peterborough and Victoria will be launched.

The project has been funded primarily by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture

and Recreation through the volunteer@ction.online program. Additional funding came from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Northumberland United Way, Human Resource Development Canada, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and the Campbellford and District Association for Community Living. In addition, Human Resource Development Canada has provided further support through the Job Creation Partnership Program to allow for one staff person per county.

In Haliburton County, Laura Cunliffe has been hired to work on the database. Laura has guidance from a steering committee, whose membership comes from the community, including representation from the Health Unit, Family Services, the Association for Community Living, Haliburton Development Corporation, the Access Centre, the CAP site, Home Supports and the Chamber of Commerce.

Project lead Lori Pearson says she is grateful for the support of Family Counselling Service and Volunteer and Information Peterborough, Victoria

County Career Services and the Haliburton Community Information Steering Committee.

"We never set out to do a four county project," she says. "We had enough challenges in Northumberland County where we have a diverse geographic distribution of population and three area codes to contend with. However, when the Ministry of Community and Social Services offered to contribute funding if we made the project, a four county one, we felt strongly that the service should be offered universally across the four counties."

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Christmas bird count to be held mid-December

Dennis Barry

Mark Saturday, December 16 on your calendar as the date for this year's Christmas Bird Count, stock your feeders and count all your birds. (Don't forget suet for the woodpeckers and gray jays.)

This year's Christmas Bird Count marks the beginning of the second hundred years of information gathering on winter bird populations throughout North America and beyond. The number of counts has increased to about 1800 and the number of participants from 27 to about 50,000. There were no Canadian counts in 1900. This year there will be some 250.

Birds which we think of as common in much of Ontario today weren't present in 1900. There were no starlings, cardinals or house finches anywhere in the province. When the Christmas Bird Count began in Haliburton County in 1967, mourning doves and Canada Geese were unheard of in winter, or even as summer nesters and there were few ravens. Black ducks were the dominant winter dabbling duck back then, whereas mallards have replaced them today.

The National Audubon Society headquartered in New York City has collected and published the results of all Christmas bird counts since the first one in 1900. This year Bird Studies Canada is coordinating the collection of data from counts in Canada. By 1999, data from all counts since 1900 were available on-line at the interactive Birdsource website <http://www.birdsource.org>. The information available there is used by scientists worldwide to study trends in bird populations and provide advice on conservation measures needed to protect them. But the information is also accessible to anyone else who is interested. If you want to know what birds were found on an earlier Minden CBC, you can find out. If you are interested in where robins spend the winter, you can discover that as well. The code to access the Minden CBC data is ONMN (the 2-letter provincial code plus the 2-letter code for the Minden count). Taney County, Missouri (code MOTC) had the north American high count for American Robins in 1997 at 1,200,000, but many of our robins winter in Georgia and Florida.

As is usual in late fall, the makeup of the bird population in Haliburton County is changing daily. There was a reasonably good wild food crop here this year, but the crop throughout much of northern Ontario was also bountiful. Which winter finches will appear in this area and when, remains to be seen. Earlier in the fall there were small numbers of purple finches and scattered flocks of pine siskins, but most of these seem to have disappeared. Goldfinches are the only finches that seem to be present in numbers at the moment. They are feeding on yellow bird seeds and visiting feeders. Their dull olive-green colours make them less noticeable than the bright summer yellow and black of the males. They are best identified by the lack of streaking and by their prominent wing-bars. They remind me of miniature versions of female evening grosbeaks since their plumage patterns are similar.

Speaking of evening grosbeaks, I have heard only one all fall. It is likely that flocks will begin to appear by mid-December. Last year, with little food to the north, this species appeared early and, by Christmas, flocks in the area were predominantly brightly coloured males. This

year I would expect the first flocks to be mostly in duller female plumage, since those birds tend to move south first. Pine grosbeaks are already being reported in Algonquin Park and some should be in this area soon.

Last year bluejays left Ontario by the millions in early fall. This year few left, so that you can expect many of them to visit your feeders. Their favourite wild food is acorns.

Thank you to everyone who responded last year to my request for information about wild turkeys. Most of the reports came from north of the count circle in areas around Halls Lake and to the east and west. There was one report from the Mountain Lake area in May, so obviously some wintered successfully and may have raised young. I would very much like to hear from anyone who has encountered wild turkeys since last May, and especially anyone who had seen one recently. Acorns are also a favourite food of wild turkeys.

It seems that this will be a winter when northern owls move south. Great gray, boreal, snowy and hawk owls have already been reported. Mice and squirrels attracted to feeding stations, in turn attract owls, so keep watch early and late in the day for resident species such as barred and great horned owls as well as for northern visitors.

On last year's count more than fifty people reported information about birds at their feeders and in their neighbourhoods. This added greatly to the information collected by observers who spent the day out counting birds within the 15-mile diameter count circle. Species seen only by feeder watchers included wild turkey, snowy owl and pine siskin. The first two of these were new for the count. We hope all of those who helped out in this way last year will do so again, and that many more people will join in as well.

The count circle extends from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

You can help out by keeping track of the birds you see on Saturday, December 16 and phoning the totals to 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., or by mailing your information to: Dennis Barry, Thickson's Point, R.R. 2, Whitby, Ont. L1N 5R5 by December 30. Unusual species seen on December 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19 are also of interest. Please remember to give your name and phone number and the location where you saw the birds.

If you would like to spend all or part of the day out with a group counting birds, call one of the following people by December 15: Ed Porpoat 457-3018; Ron Pittaway 286-3471; Pearl Barry 286-1189; or Dennis Barry (905) 725-2116.

(Submitted by Dennis Barry, Compiler, Minden CBC, Tel. (905) 725-2116; E-mail: dbarry@intelinks.net)



Dennis Barry and Margaret Carney paddle down the Gull River during last year's bird count

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The Wilberforce Legion's Wildlife (wild game) Dinner on Saturday December 2, was a great success. Diners enjoyed a fine variety of tasty foods. Especially enjoyed were the venison, moose and fish dishes. Legion members were pleased with the event. The LA's food hamper was won by Jeff Hayward. Thanks to the Legion for presenting this annual meal.

December 2, 2000 at the Cathedral Church of St James in Toronto. Many in the Minden area will recall George's involvement in the community as well as in his churches and will wish him well in this new phase of his ministry.

happy event beginning at 1 p.m.

The Community Carol Service will be on Sunday, December 17 at the United

Church. Elsie Lewis is holding choir practices for this event. They will be Thursday, December 7 and 14 at the church at a p.m. Singers welcome.

municipality will be held. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. It is open to the public as usual.

Some upcoming events include: Christmas Open House at the Outpost this Thursday, December 7, afternoon and evening.

On New Year's Eve, say goodbye to Monmouth and hello to Highlands East at a dance/party at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Dance to the Candlelight Combo with light luncheon later in the evening. Tickets are available at Agnew's and the LCBO. Advanced sale price, \$12 each. At the door the cost will be \$15.

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Hilda Clark

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G W P 357-97-00

The map shows the study area in Ontario, Canada. Key locations include Haliburton Lake, Haliburton, West Guilford, Carnarvon, and Minden. A dashed line indicates the GWP 357-97-00 site. A north arrow is present.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Highway 35
Rehabilitation of Mountain Lake Bridge
Alignment Improvements
Shoulder Widening
Drainage Improvements
Frost Heave Repairs
Rock Cut Widening
Construction of a Truck Inspection Layby
Paving

Highway 118
Drainage Improvements
Rock Cut Widening
Paving

This project has been designated a Group "B" project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (1997). A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed with the Ministry of the Environment for public review. A notice will be published in local newspapers at that time. If, after consulting with project staff, you believe serious environmental concerns remain unresolved, you may request the Minister of the Environment reclassify the project and subject it to an Individual Environmental Assessment.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. They will be maintained as a public data base and are available for public review. If you are interested in submitting comments or receiving more information, please contact either of the undersigned.

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Last year over 13,000 dedicated Canada Post employees and retirees volunteered their time to help Santa with his mail and they are ready to assist again. "Even though we are very busy at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and I look forward to reading every letter the boys and girls write us. With the help of my special postal elves, we can keep in touch with children all over the world," Santa said.

Santa does want to remind his friends

that it is important to include a return address. "It's very disappointing when we don't know where to send Santa's reply. Children should ask a grown-up to help ensure that all letters have a return address," he advised.

Letters to Santa should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0 Canada.

Children might also enjoy visiting Santa's web page where they can read and participate in an interactive story

and download special pages to use when writing to Santa. Further details are available on the Canada Post web site - www.canadapost.ca.

The annual Santa letter writing program teaches children how to express themselves in writing, shows them how to write a letter and correctly address the envelope, including the postal code. This program is the lead initiative in support of literacy - Canada Post's cause of choice.

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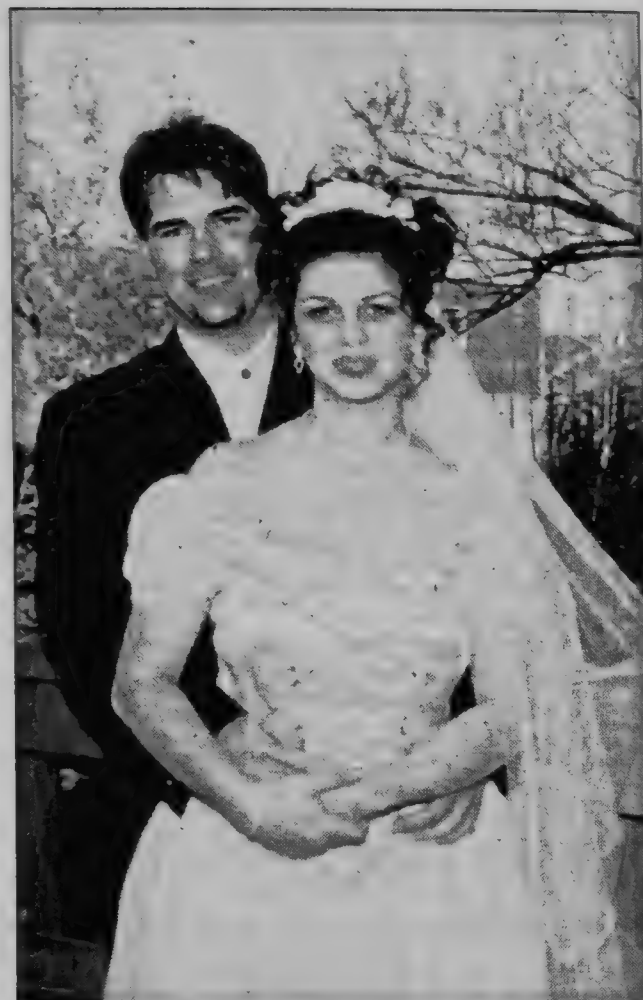
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Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest winners announced

by Dennis Baker

As the youth education chairperson of Branch 129 Haliburton of the royal Canadian Legion, I would like to thank all the students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster contests. Altogether we had 193 entries. You should be proud of your achievements.

I would like to thank all the teachers, the school administration, and the parents who encouraged these students to make the effort. Your interest and support was much appreciated.

Also, I wish to recognize and commend this year's judges who were Bonnie Walling, Glen Scully and Maraylene Welch and Jim Stewart. They had a very difficult task especially when judging the Poems. Many could have been selected to go on to the next level.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All First Place Winners will move on to compete with other entries within our Zone.

Poetry Contest

Senior Category (Grades 10 - O.A.C.)
Kate Foulds,, Jennifer Carpenter and Meg Woodman

Honourable mention goes to Vanessa Smith and Alana Woodcock

- Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

Gillian Ottley, Stacey Coumbs, and Hilary Wilson

Honourable mention goes to Benton Brown, Bradford Burk, Jennifer Galea, Lacey Johnson, Scott Lewis, Sara McMaster, Chyna Schell, Ashley Sharpe and Jeffrey Sobil.

- Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)
Mark Perecko, Leanna Pearsell and Lindsay Snelgrove

Honourable mention goes to Lindsey Hawley, Cody Griffin, Erin Nicholson, Alicia Smith, Alex Trueman, and Emily Turner.

Essay Contest

- Senior Category (Grades 10 - O.A.C.)
No entries.

- Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)
Amber Wright, Ashley Leahy, and Lisa Wright

Honourable mention goes to Kelly Lawr and Lindsay Plouffe.

- Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)
Meghan Bottum, Ashley Lambe, and Sammy Blanchard.

Honourable mention goes to Chloe Kitchman and Dillon D. Woudstra.

Poster Contest - Black and White

- Senior Category (Grades 10 O.A.C.)
Meredith Brown

- Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

Kelsey O'Connor, Ashley Leahy and Michael Clancy

Honourable mention goes to Dan Risk and Laura Stouffer

- Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)
Siobhan Creelman, Jesse Woodward and Steve Miscio]Honourable mention goes to Tara Lynn Billings, Alyssa Loucks and Jamie Purnell

Poster Contest - Colour

- Senior Category (Grades 10 O.A.C.)
No entries.

- Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

Julie Johnston, Katlyn Hewson and Jodie Curry

Honourable mention goes to Erica Hicks, Cindy Malloy and Jim Parish.

- Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)
Amanda Vanlieshout, Tiffany-Lynn Howard, and Madison MacInnes-Bailey

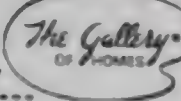
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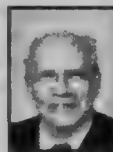
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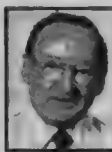
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Location of Work: Along a 44 KV right of way corridor from the Tory Hill Distribution Station and going Northwesterly along 121 Hwy to the Haliburton Distribution Station and continuing Westerly to the Minden Transformer Station at Allsaw.

Monmouth Twp., Lots 8 to 19, Conc. 11 to 16

Dudley Twp. Lots 1 to 9, Conc. 1 to 4,

Dysart Twp. Lots 20 to 33 and 1 to 14,

Conc. 3 to 9,

Minden Twp. Lots 23 to 32, Conc. 5 to 8

Date of Application: July 15, 2000 to Dec. 31, 2000.

Pesticide Trade Name: Garlon 4

Registration Number: 21053

Name of Pest: Undesirable vegetation (brush, tree stumps)

Name of Contact Person: Jim Burk, Forestry Technician

Phone# of contact Person: 1-705-457-6831

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Location of Work:

Monmouth Twp. Including Lots 1 to 27,

Concessions 11 to 17

Glamorgan Twp. including Lots 30 to 35,

Concessions 15

Dudley Twp. Including Lots 1 to 22,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Plan 19R-6875.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 5th day of January, 2001, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: November 28, 2000

Diane J. Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of
Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone,
Lawrence and Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Harvey Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Part 4 - Weidner, and Part 3 - Ministry of Natural Resources.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

•DATE: Wednesday, December 13th, 2000.
•TIME: 11:00 am.
•LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1.D13-MV-00-042 – Lands of Heard

- **Purpose and Effect:** to permit the construction of an addition to a garage that has legal non-conforming status.
- Increase the length of the building by 8 feet.
- Increase the width of the building by 6 feet.
- **Location:** Part Lot 22, Concession 3, Guilford Township (County Road 6).

2.D13-MV-00-043 – Lands of Bishop

- **Purpose and Effect:** to recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling.
- Reduce the setback to the high water mark of an adjacent creek.
- **Location:** Part Lot 27, Concession 9, Lot 11, Plan 612, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake).

3.D13-MV-00-044 – Lands of Saamen

- **Purpose and Effect:** to recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling.
- Reduce the setback to the high water mark of Little Kennis Lake.
- **Location:** Part Lot 20, Concession 5, Lot 46, Plan 493, Havelock Township (Little Kennis Lake).

4.D13-MV-00-045 – Lands of Sobey's (IGA)

- **Purpose and Effect:** to permit construction of a new retail grocery store.
- Reduce the rear building setback along Mountain Street.
- Reduce the landscape buffer.
- **Location:** Part Lot 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 & 11, Block G, Plan 1, Dysart Township (Highland and Mountain Street).

• **ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

• **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Patricia Martin, Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
Date: November 29th, 2000



County of Haliburton Roads Department SNOW REMOVAL

The Highway Traffic Act RSO 1990, Section 170 (12), states "...no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway". A constable or County By-Law officer may have the vehicle removed from the roadway and stored at the owner's expense.

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Staff Sgt. Bob Walli
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Name of Contact Person: Jim Burk, Forestry Technician

Phone# of contact Person: 1-705-457-6831
Toll free calls will be accepted by alternative number: 1-888-871-3490 ext. 347 and forwarded on to the District Forestry Technician.

Notice of Herbicide Use

Notice is hereby given that Hydro One Forestry Services, (formerly Ontario Hydro Services Company Inc.) will be commencing forestry line clearing operations in your vicinity. The work will include the selective treatment of undesirable vegetation that would, if left, grow into our power lines.

The work will be completed using a combination of manual cutting, followed by low volume stump spray to prevent regrowth. The same selective application method may be used to control growth of brush up to 1 metre in height. Every effort will be made to leave compatible low growing vegetation where possible.

Location of Work: Along a 44KV right of way corridor from the Allsaw Transformer Station North to the Leslie Frost Center.

Minden Twp. Lots 16 to 23, conc. 5 to 13
Stanhope Twp. Lots 1 to 16, Conc. 1 to 12, ```` Lots 25 to 29, Conc. A
Hindon Twp. Lots 30 to 34, Conc. A

Date of Application: Oct 9, 2000 to Dec.31, 2000.

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NOTICE

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

(Applicant - Alex and Valerie Hewitt)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 30, in Concession 7, on Spruce (Art) Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 8th, 2001, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 6 and 7 on Plan 19R-6915, a plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated August 8th, 2000, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of November, 2000.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

(Applicant - Ann and James Kerr)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 12, in Concession 5, on Haliburton Lake, in the geographic Township of Harburn, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 8th, 2001, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 5 and 8 on Plan 19R-6863, a plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated December 31st, 1999, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

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The Trillium Lakelands District School Board
Invites applications for the following position:

PERMANENT PART TIME
SECONDARY SCHOOL SECRETARY
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Haliburton

The successful applicant will work in cooperation with the other secretaries to share in a variety of responsibilities. These would include providing support to administration, the guidance, attendance and main office areas.

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Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.
Knowledge of general bookkeeping.
A working knowledge of an experience using Windows 95, Microsoft Word and Excel.
Personal qualities of maturity, tact and discretion.
Self-motivated and detail oriented with the ability to follow laid down procedures and routines with minimum supervision.

Hours of Work: 7 hours per week, flexible.
Applications outlining experience and qualifications should be forwarded by: **Tuesday, December 12, 2000** to:

Human Resources Coordinator, Support Staff
Trillium Lakelands District School Board
300 County Road 36, Box 420
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4S4
Fax: 705-324-0525

Trillium Lakelands District School Board would like to thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- **Highland Sr. Citizens Club** meet **every Thursday**, at the Royal Canadian Legion at 12 o'clock. Price \$3.50 for lunch. All seniors welcome.
- **Highland Wood Carvers** meet **every Monday** at the Lochlin Community Centre, from 1 - 4 p.m. or 7 - 10 p.m. New members welcome. For more information please call 457-1966 or 286-2029.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - **Tuesday evenings** at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. children and parents climb together; Youth: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-In Indoor Rock-Climbing. \$3. per person. Everyone welcome. Children under 13 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 yrs. For more information call Greg at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.
- Join **Home Support every Friday** in the drop-in centre at 1 p.m. Additional info. 457-2941
- Join **Home Support at 1 p.m. every Monday** in the drop-in centre for cribbage. Additional info, 457-2941.
- **Rails' End Gallery** - open for Christmas shopping, unique gift ideas, **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 - 5**. Come see our beautiful wreaths. \$5 per ticket could win you a wreath. Last week for Blast of Cash - get your ticket now!
- **Dec. 5:** Home Support's **Annual Christmas Luncheon**, to be held at Haliburton Legion. Entertainment, "Gentlemen of Song". Everyone welcome. Pre-registration is a must. Call Home Support for additional information at 457-2941.
- **Dec. 5, 7, 12 & 14:** St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid + CPR Course, Haliburton, **Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.** Call 1-800-269-0968, advanced registration required.
- **Dec. 6:** "Light the Trees" - please join us for our **Christmas Open House, 7 - 9 p.m.**, Haliburton Hospital Site. Bring your family to enjoy the music, artisan displays, goodies, refreshments, Auxiliary bake sale and gift shop and a visit from Santa. Our Honorary Chairmen for our 2000 Christmas Campaign, Dr. Emile Campioni and Dr. Steve Ferracuti, will 'Light the Trees'.
- **Dec. 7:** **Ladies in Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T.)** at West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs. Dec. 7, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Speaker: Sandy Stevens. Feature: Andrea Gentle - "Grammar's Attic Home Parties Inc." Soloist: Linda Benson. Sponsored by: West Guilford Baptist Church. Women's Ministries. Please bring half dozen of your Christmas baking. For more info call: 754-2808 or 457-3155.
- **Dec. 7:** Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development hosts "Lights Across Canada". Everyone is invited to come out to light the community Christmas tree. Refreshments served, carol sing, maybe Santa will find out and drop by for a visit! Community tree lighting, Kinmount Railway Station, 6:30 p.m. Call 488-2635 for info.
- **Dec. 9:** Gooderham United Church is holding their **Christmas Craft and Bake Sale** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 9 & 10:** "Let Us Adore Him", a contemporary Christmas cantata by Robert C. Lau will be performed by an ecumenical choir from the Northern Victoria area and the Coboconk United Church Pastoral Charge choir on Friday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lions Community Centre in Coboconk and on Saturday, December 10, 2:00, 3:00 p.m. at Norland United Church. Plan to join us and get the Christmas season off to a wonderful start. Free-will offering only.
- **Dec. 10:** It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's the time when we celebrate the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Please join us as the children of Lakeside Baptist Church present their **annual Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.**, Lakeside Baptist Church.
- **Dec. 12:** And the 2nd Tuesday of every month - Parent Finders Kawartha invites all interested parties, adopted and fostered adults, birth and adoptive parents to our meeting, 7 p.m., 230 Angeline St. S., Lindsay. Contact Sandi for more info, 359-1172.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Red Cross organizing disaster response for Haliburton

The Canadian Red Cross has been involved in providing disaster relief across Canada and around the world for over 100 years. This relief effort will soon be available in Haliburton County.

"We have a long history of providing response in Canada" says David Webster, Branch Manager. "We want to bring this expertise to residents in Haliburton who have been involved in a disaster situation".

The Red Cross would like to work with other community partners to ensure that everyone who has been a victim of a disaster, either personal or large scale, has their immediate needs of clothing, food, shelter and other personal needs, taken care of. Volunteers are currently touring the County to establish agreements with various retailers.

"We want to ensure that people, whether a victim of a large scale disaster like a tornado or icestorm, or a personal disaster like a family house fire, are helped", states Brenda McCarrell, Chairperson for Disaster Services in Peterborough and Haliburton. "However, we need volunteer support to ensure a successful operation".

The Red Cross is seeking volunteer support. People interested in responding to large scale efforts, as well as people interested in a more active volunteer opportunity by responding to individual family situations, are needed. Training will be provided in this area.

Anyone interested in a volunteer opportunity is asked to call either Miles Maughan, Dysart Fire Chief at 457-2126, or Brenda McCarrell at (705) 741-2906.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



Haliburton Pastoral Charge
Rev. Harry Morgan B.A. MDiv.

Advent Season

Dec. 9th 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Dec. 10th 11:15 a.m.

White Gift Service - Sunday School Presentation

Dec. 13th 7:30 p.m. Lochlin United Church
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WEST GUILFORD GOSPEL CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DINNER & PROGRAM

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4:30pm Punch • 5:00pm Dinner

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St. George's Anglican Church Mountain Street, Haliburton WELCOMES YOU

Please join us for worship on Sunday morning 8:00 & 10:30*
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December 10, 2000 10:30am and 3:00pm

Christmas Pageant "Not a Creature was stirring"

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St. Margaret's Church, Wilberforce

Hwy 648, Wilberforce 9:00 a.m. Worship
The Anglican Parish of Haliburton
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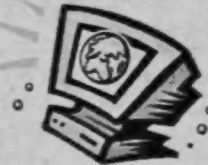


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506 SALES HELP WANTED

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507 SKILLED/TECHNICAL HELP WANTED

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"LIGHT THE TREES" Please join us for our Christmas Open House Wed., December 6 7 - 9 p.m., Haliburton Hospital Site Wed., December 13 7 - 9 p.m., Minden Hyland Crest Site Surely our Open Houses will put you in the festive mood!! Bring your family to enjoy the music, artisan displays, goodies, refreshments, Auxiliary bake sale and gift shop, and a visit from Santa! Our Honourary Chairmen for our 2000 Christmas Campaign Dr. Emile Campioni and Dr. Steve Ferracuti will "Light The Trees" CA

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Sunday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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**Open House for
Mary & Gordon Pearsell**
Date:
Saturday, December 9, 2000
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
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Church Hall,
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Sunday Dec. 10/2000
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(male and female)
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707 BIRTHS

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thrilled to announce the safe arrival
of his little brother,
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and Tracy Stoughton. Proud grand-
parents are Levern and Marion
Miscio and Wayne and Judy
Stoughton. Special thanks to Dr.
Norm Bottum and the staff of the
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709 IN MEMORIAM

UPTON, EVERETT - In loving
memory of a dear father Everett
Upton, who passed away Dec. 1,
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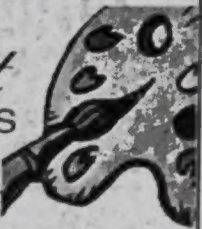
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If we had all the world to give, We'd give it yes, and more To hear his voice, see his smile And greet him at the door. But all we can do dear brother Is go and tend your grave, And leave behind tokens of love, To a dear brother God made. We like to think when life is done Wherever heaven may be He'll be standing at the door up there

To welcome us in. "Our loss, heaven's gain." Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by sister **Carolyn, Brad, Mike and Jason**.

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL: (1/25/62 - 12/6/79)

Peacefully sleeping, resting at last, His weary trials and troubles past; In silence he suffered, in patience he bore, Till God called him home to suffer no more.

Those we love we never lose For always they will be Loved, remembered, treasured Always in our memory. We miss you, Ben - **Dad, Mom, Robbin, Toni**.

712 CARDS OF THANKS

On Oct. 24 our lives changed forever with the passing of a devoted husband, father and Poppa **Jack Harrison**. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, neighbours and friends who helped us in so many ways to alleviate our sorrow during this difficult time. The expression of care and concern shown through the floral arrangements, cards, donations of food, gifts and phone calls will forever be remembered. The visits to our home were deeply appreciated. Thank you to Barry from Gordon A. Monks Funeral Home for his kindness and professionalism, to Rev. Merv Everall for his visit and helpful words. Also I would like to thank everyone who attended or bought tickets for the benefit dance in Jack's memory. Thanks to all the merchants who donated food, gifts and prizes to make it a successful evening. I am proud to live in such a caring place. Although it is impossible to thank you all personally I am eternally grateful for your acts of kindness. Jack's warm smile and his love of life will remain in my and my families heart forever. **Marilyn Harrison and family**.

Thanking all those who have supported **GOD'S COUNTRY** in Wilberforce with donations of clothing and finances this past summer and fall. We have been able to give generously to help other outreach ministries. **GOD'S COUNTRY** now closed for the winter except by appointment (705) 448-3706. *Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all.*

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THANK YOU to all of our family and friends who came to celebrate with us at our "Haliburton" Wedding Dance. Your love and support has been overwhelming. We would like to especially thank Steve and Andrea, Kathy, Maureen, Wendy, Nancy and Wilma for organizing the celebration. We can't forget Monty, Andrea and the staff from Bonnie View for the delicious food and wonderful atmosphere. John and Wendy Gunning of County Commercial printers for the tickets, and Luke Schell, Perfect Prints for taking pictures. With Love **Cheryl and Steve Anderson**. CA

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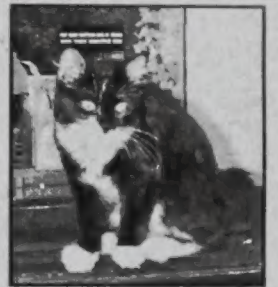
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All you have to do to enter is call The Echo office at 457-1037 and leave your name, address and phone number. The deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Then, on the night entries will be judged, simply ensure your lights are turned on from twilight until at least 11 p.m. to give judges ample time to get around to see all homes. The judging will be done Wednesday Dec. 13 as long as the weather is clear. If the weather is bad, it will be done Dec. 14 or Dec. 15 at the absolute latest.

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